OLD BOARD OF HEALTH RECORDS FO

Some years ago, in cleaning out one o e offices in City Hall, an old book of reco of the Board of Health was found and se to them for safe keeping. Recently other o ces in the City Hall has been overhauled and several other volumes have been found. The several volumes were bound in calf and were in a rather dilapidated condition and were sent to be rebound.

The board has now the records from 1799 to 1824, and the records of the first meeting in 1799 show that Paul Revere was the president of the board in that year. In 1721-22 there was a death penalty for the violations of the rules of the Board of Health. Early reports of the board are signed by Willian Cooper as town clerk.

The chairman or president of the board then appointed a committee of three to act as inspectors each week, and there are many prominent names in the records of people who acted as such inspectors. The books will be stored in the vaults of the City Hall for safe keeping. *Boston Post* July 16-189

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Board of Health

March 9. On Saturday the Ninth day of March, 1799. —— Agreeable to Notification from the Honble Thomas Dawes & Wm. Smith Esqrs a Committee from the Honble General Court of this Commonwealth, the Representatives of the several Wards in the Town of Boston, elected agreeable to an Act of the Legislature of this Commonwealth, for the Establishments of a Board of Health, met at Faneuil-Hall at Eleven O'Clock, A. M.

Members Elected

Thomas Dawes & William Smith Esqrs being present, the last mentioned Gentleman proceeded to read the Returns from the several Wards, and declared the Members who were severally present, duly elected.

The Board then proceeded by Ballot to the Choice of a Secretary for the Ensuing Year; and Mr. John H. Sec'y Chosen Holsom had a Majority of Votes, was duly elected, and he accepted the Choice.

The Committee having retired, the Board then President Chosen proceeded to the Choice of a Presidents for the ensuing Year, and directed the Secretary to collect and sort the Ballots, When it appeared Paul Revere Esq. had a Majority of Votes, was duly elected, and he accepted the Choice —

Committee for drafting Rules On a Motion, That a Committee be Appointed to Prepare, and Report, as soon as may be, Rules and Regulations for the government of the Board, Passed in the Affirmative, and the following Members were Nominated and Appointed viz

Mr. Joseph Head,
James Prince &
Paul Revere Esqrs

On a Motion That a Committee be appointed to Apply for the Use of the Senate Chamber at the Old State House, being an Eligible and convenient situation for the future Meetings of the Board, Passed in the Affirmative, & John Winslow Esqr was Nominated and Appointed. —

Senate Chamber

Adjourned to Wednesday next 4 o'Clock, P. M.

March 14

At a Meeting of the Board of Health held at the Dwelling House of Nathl. Balch Esqr. by Adjournment, Wednesday March 14 1799 —

The Committee appointed to Prepare Rules and Regulations, gave in a Report by their Chairman, which was Read, Whereupon it was Voted, That the same be taken up by Paragraphs. —

Voted, That a Committee be Appointed to wait on the Board of Select Men for the Purpose of making enquiry respecting the Manure in the Streets of the Town of Boston, whether the Present disposition of the Board of Health to have the same Removed, would militate with any Engagement or Contract entered into by the Board of Select Men. —

Committee

The following Members were Accordingly Nominated and Appointed, Viz. John Winslow and William Thompson Esqrs.

The Committee having Retired, Returned in a short time and Reported, "That the Manure and Dirt in the Streets of the Town, were fully considered under the Direction of the Board of Health, and would not Militate with any Contracts entered into by the Board of Select Men

Report of Committee

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to prepare an

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an Advertisements informing our Country Brethren, and others, that they have liberty to take away the Manure and Dirt in the streets gratis, Provided they do not suffer it to Remain in heaps longer than is absolutely Necessary — And that he Publish the same in the several News Papers printed in town. —

Manure Gratis

The Rules and Regulations having been in part Read, debated & amended, was by a Vote Recommitted to the same Committee —

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to Furnish the Board with the necessary Books, Paper, &c. ——

Adjourned to Monday Next, to meet at the Old State House, Senate Chamber at 3 o'Clock P. M. —

March 18

At a Meeting of the Board of Health, held at the Senate Chamber, in the Old State House, by Adjournment, on Monday 18th March 1799.

The Rules and Regulations, were taken up Read, debated, amended & by a Vote Recommitted to the same Committee for a new Draft.

Voted, That Instructions be given to this Committee to consult with one or more Physicians for the purpose of making Additions, or Alterations, and to prepare an Address, to be annexed and Presented to the Public — And to Report as soon as may be.

Committee

Voted, That a Committee be Appointed to take into consideration the best Mode of disposing of the Filth of Privies, and also to Appoint a Suitable Place or Places, for depositing the superfluous Filth & Dirt of the Town, Oyster Shells &c. — The following Members were accordingly Appointed Viz — Messrs. J. Winslow & R. Prince Esqrs & Mr. Dr. Warren

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March 19

At a Meeting of the Board of Health held at the usual place by Adjournment March 19. 1799 ——

This being the time Assigned for the Board to wait on the Select Men For the Purpose of conferring on certain subjects, that might Require their Aid and Support —

Consultation with Select Men

Accordingly at 3 Clock P. M. the Board waited on the Select Men at their Room — After Considerable desultory Conversation it was agreed, that a Committee should be chosen by each Board, whose Powers should be Adequate to adjust the concerns of the town

The Board of Health then Retired to their usual place —

Voted, That William Thompson, and James Prince Esqrs be a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Board of Select Men on any Occasion arising in the Exercise of the Functions of this Board, that may Require such conference

On an Invitation from the Board, the following Gentlemen, Physicians of the Town of Boston, attended a consultation Viz. Dr. Danforth, Dr. Rand, Dr. Warren & Dr. Dexter

2 Physicians

The Board of Select-Men, made the following communication .....

"At a Special Meeting of the Select Men 21st. March 1799 — Voted, That David Tildon & Russell Sturgis Esqrs be a Committee to join such of the Board of Health as they may appoint for the Purpose of defining & explaining the the subjects of the Powers of the respective Boards where any Doubts may arise respecting the same.

2 Vote Select Men

Signed William Cooper Town Clerk

Adjourned to Friday next 4 o'Clock P. M.

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March 22. At a Meeting of the Board of Health held at the Usual place March 22, 1799.

Select Committee on the Regulations

The Committee to whom was Recommitted the Rules and Regulations, having Reported a new Draft, together with an Address to our Constituents, were taken up, and after some Amendments, the whole was Read, and on a Motion, that the same be Passed, was Voted in the Affirmative.

Voted, That a Committee be Appointed to make the Necessary Extracts from the Rules and Regulations and to Publish the same as soon as may be. —

The following Members were Accordingly Nominated and Appointed Viz - James Prince & Paul Revere Esqrs. and Mr. John W. Folsom.

Committee Horses & Carts

Voted That Mr. Josiah Knapp, Mr. Josiah Snelling and Capt. Marshall, be a Committee to take into consideration, the Eleventh Article Respecting Horses and Carts, and to Report, whether in their Opinion after making the necessary Enquiries & Calculations the same shall be Purchased, or procured on Contract.

Committee

Voted, That Samuel Bradford, and Nathaniel Balch Esqrs be a Committee to wait on the Attorney General to consult him, and to take his Opinion on the Laws Regulating the Board of Health, and their Regulations.

Voted, That James Prince Esqr. be added to the Committee for the purposes before mentioned

Adjourned to Monday Next 4 O'Clock. P.M.

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Rules and Regulations

First. That for the internal regulations of the Board it will be necessary that there should be a stated Meeting of the whole Board once in every Fort-Night on Wednesday 5 O'Clock P.M. which shall be Notified to them by the Secretary in writing; the first meeting shall be on Wednesday the 3d. day of April 1799.

Second. The Board shall be divided into four Committees of three each who shall be stiled "The Weekly Committee of the Board of Health" — They shall sit daily in Rotation, and during their continuation in Office having equal Power with the Board on Common Occasions, make Records of their Proceedings, for general Inspection, and whenever they Judge it necessary call Special Meetings of the whole — The names of this Weekly Committee, shall be published in the Centinel, Commercial Gazette, and Mercury, once a Week, Provided the Printers of those Papers will assign a conspicuous place therefor. The Expence of which shall be defrayed by the Town.

Third — In the Absence of the President, the Oldest Member present shall preside, and Seven Members shall be necessary to form a Board at a stated or Special Meeting but the Members present may adjourn to the next Day —

Fourth. In all Debates the Speaker shall address the Board through the Medium of the Chair; and no Member shall speak more than twice to one Question, except to explain without the leave of the Board, nor shall there be any interruption of a Member speaking, except to call him to Order.

Fifth — The Majority of Votes present shall be considered as the Act of the Board; but any Gentlemen may enter his Dissents on the Records of the Board, and no Vote shall be Reconsidered by a less Number than when the same was Passed.

Sixth — An inviolable Secrecy shall be preserved by the Members of the names of all Persons entering Complaints; unless the contrary should be Required by a Court of Law.

Seventh — Punctuality as to the time in the Meetings shall be strictly attended to; and no Person other than a Member shall be admitted at the deliberations of the Board.

Eighth — No Member of the Board shall withdraw himself without Leave from the President

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Voted, That it will be necessary that the following Officers should be chosen to Assist, Execute the Orders of the Board, Removable at any time within the Year, at the Pleasure of the Board Viz —

One Secretary — and one other Officer to be stiled "Inspector & Messinger to the Board of Health"

Scavengers.

Duty of Secretary

The Duty of the Secretary, shall be to attend on the Board & Weekly Committee; to follow their Directions; make a faithful Record of all their Votes and Proceedings; furnish Chairman of Committees with their Commissions, Countersign all Orders Letters & Notifications by them issued. To have all Complaints against such Delinquents as the Board may be Obliged to Prosecute and Notify the Members to their Stated or Special Meetings — His Salary shall

be Five hundred & fifty Dollars pr. annum, to be paid in Quarterly payments, by Drafts on the Town Treasurer —

Duties of the Assigned. The Duty of the Inspector & Assigner shall be to attend to carry out the Orders & Notifications of the Board & Weekly Committee; to provide Fuel, Candles, and other Necessaries for them; and generally to follow and obey the Instructions he may from time to time receive from either the Board or Weekly Committee — His Salary shall be, at, and after the Rate of Three hundred & Seventy Dollars pr. annum, to be paid in Quarterly Payments, by Orders on the Town Treasurer

Duty of Scavengers The Duty of the Scavenger or Scavengers, shall be to attend with the Weekly Committee when Required, and to remove all Dirt, Filth, and other Causes injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants, to keep the Streets clean, and have them swept; and generally to follow and obey all such Orders, as he or they may from time to time receive from the Weekly Committee — Their Pay shall be

and such other sums as may appear Reasonable according to their services — The Division of the Board into the Weekly Committees are as follows Viz,

William Thompson Esq. Mr. Josiah Snelling & Mr. Isaac H. Wilson	} No. 1	Paul Revere Esq. Capt. N. Lincoln & Saml. Bradford Esq.	} No. 2
James Prince Esq. Nath. Balch Esq. Capt. C. Marshall	} No. 3	John Winslow Esq. Mr. Joseph Head & Mr. Josiah Knapp	} No. 4

Office hours shall be from Ten to One o'Clock A.M. & from Four to Six o'Clock P.M. Saturday Afternoons & Public Days excepted.

The first Committee to enter on the Duties of their

Office on Monday the First Day of April 1799.

Voted. All Complaints of Nuisances or other Matter injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants, made, or sent to the Board should express the place where, and the nature of the Nuisance, and on the Receipt of such Complaint, the Weekly Committee will direct the Inspector to enquire into the same, and if by his Report, there appears probable cause for the Complaint, two of the Committee for the Week, will proceed to the spot, and if in their Opinion, the Matter complained of is a Nuisance, they will notify the Person on whose Premises the Nuisance is, in the Form following —

By the Board of Health.

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Form of Complaint

Sir, A Complaint having been made to the Board of Health that — here insert the Complaint — belonging to you, or under your direction is a Nuisance and the Board having examined the same, they expect you will cause it to be removed within . Soon, otherwise they must take those steps pointed out by the Law of this Commonwealth to have the same done.

Signed by two Members of the Board

And the Inspector for the Board shall make a Return to the Weekly Committee of the exact time when said Notification was left with the Person complained of, and at the expiration of — hours he shall inform himself if the Order of the Board has been complied with and if not, they shall direct the Removal of the same in the manner pointed out by the Law, and after enter a Complaint before some Justice of the Peace, to obtain Process against the delinquent, for the Expence and Costs of said Removal, together with the Penalty annexed to the Offence.

Form of Process

Packers of Beef and Pickled Fish shall be directly no=
tified to appear before the Board or their Weekly Committee
to take the Oath required by the Law, which Oath shall
be in the Words following ——

Packer's Oath

I A.B. Packer of Provisions & pickled Fish do so=
lemnly & sincerely swear that whenever it shall come
to my Knowledge that there is any tainted or putrid
salted Meat or pickled Fish in the town of Boston, I will
immediately or as soon as may be communicate it
to one or more of the Board of Health — So help me God —

And a request shall be made to the Collector of
the Port of Boston & Charlestown, that no Certificates
may in future be received at his Office from any
Licensed Packers of the town of Boston whose names
have not been returned to him as having taken said
Oath, and the Secretary shall on the Packers appearing
and taking the Oath directly make said Return to the
Collector.

And whereas by the Act of the Legislature for con=
stituting a Board of Health in Boston, it is provided
that it shall be the Duty of the Board of Health, and
of each Member thereof, to Examine into all Nuisances
and other causes injurious to the health of the Inhabi=
tants, and that the said Board or any one of them shall
have Power to cause to be removed, according to the Pro=
visions of the same Act, all such Nuisances, and other
causes as may in his or their Opinion be naturally like=
ly to produce effects dangerous and injurious to the health
of the People; — And it being requisite that the Inhabi=
tants and others should be Apprized so far as the same
can now be determined upon, what will in the Opinion
of the Board be subject to removal — they now Declare
that after the first Day of May last, the following

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will be considered as Nuisances, or Causes injurious to the Health of the People Viz,

First — All Hogsties within the Town not Licensed by the Board or Weekly Committee Thereof —

Second — All Fish found between the Channel & the Shore or within the Town, not having their Throats cut, the Blood cleanly washed off, and the Gills and entrails taken out — / Live Fish Excepted /

Third — All Fish which has been on Shore, or in a Vessel in a Dock, or in the Harbour within the Channel, Eighteen hours without being Salted, Salmon Excepted.

Fourth. All Beds, Bedding and Clothing from any Boat, where a Contageous disorder Prevails, or hath lately Prevailed, & landed within the Town without Permission in writing from the Board or their Weekly Committee.

Fifth — All Oysters that shall be brought or kept within the Channel after the First Day of June, and before the first day of September next following

Sixth. Having more than two cart loads of Dung in a heap proceeding from any livery or other stable within the town from the First day of May, until the First Day of November next following.

Seventh. Digging any Graves for the interment of the Dead, less than six Feet deep from the surface.

Eighth. Neglecting to Mark, at least three Bushells of stone lime once every Fortnight, under all the Churches of the Town where dead Bodies are deposited. —

It also being equally requisite that the Inhabitants and others should be Apprized of what will in the Opinion of the Board, be Breaches of the Laws, and be Prosecuted as such for the Recovery of the Fines & Forfeitures therein Provided, the following are declared to be such: —

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1st. The bringing dead fish into the town, or within the Channel, Salmon Excepted, without leaving the throats of the same cut, the Blood washed off, and the entrails taken out.

2nd. Selling Salmons Eels and small Fish without having a light Vessel sufficiently large to hold the skins, heads and offals of the Fish, and immediately putting the same therein and causing them to be emptied either into the channel or otherwise carried out of town.

3rd. The dealing Fish on the dry lands within the town by the sellers of Fish.

4th. The throwing any animal or vegetable substance or the sweepings of vessels holds into the docks or harbour within the channels, or between the channel, and the shore, or putting the same on any of the wharves.

5th. The throwing into the Streets, lanes or alleys of the town, the Docks, or Mill Ponds, by any of the Inhabitants or others any dirt, filth, animal or vegetable substances, or sweepings of any kinds; but whenever, and as often as the Scavengers of the Ward, hall through with their carts, the same must be brought out into the Streets, and delivered to them and in Order more effectually to facilitate the foregoing Regulations they shall be directly provided by the Board at the Expence of the Town six Carts, with horses, and suitable Vessels or Machines (unless the same can be procured by Contract) to remove the Dirt, filth & sweepings of the Inhabitants; and it shall be the Duty of the several Scavengers Appointed by the Board, and under whose direction said horses and Carts shall be) twice in every Week from the first day of May, until the first day of November next, to travel through the several Wards with the said Carts, and by ringing a small hand bell, to be carried also with them to notify the Inhabitants to bring out their dirt, filth, and

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sweepings, and to receive the same, and after to carry it to the place or places Assigned by the Board, or the Weekly Committee; and each Scavenger shall proceed twice a Week through the Wards, as under:

Scavenger No. 1 through Ward No. 1		Monday and Thursday.
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" " 4	" 7	
" " 5	" 9	
" " 6	" 11	
Scavenger No. 1 through Ward No. 2		Tuesday and Friday.
" " 2	" 4	
" " 3	" 6	
" " 4	" 8	
" " 5	" 10	
" " 6	" 12	

And in case of stormy Weather, so that they cannot proceed on the Day Assigned, they shall report to the Weekly Committee, who may direct its being done on the first fair day; and if any of the Inhabitants refusing or neglecting to bring out to the Scavengers their dirt filth or sweepings, on Notice being given them as before directed shall on their being complained of, and Dirt filth or sweepings, on examination found, be considered as having Nuisances on their Premises & prosecuted for the same.—

Sixth. All Privies whose Contents are found within Eighteen inches of the surface of the earth, after the first day of June next.

Seventh. The opening vaults of Privies unless by Permission of the Board or the Weekly Committee thereof in writing after the first day of May last.

Eighth. The suffering Waste Water from Kitchens or other places after it has been used, to run on the surface of the Streets.

Ninth. . . . The exposing for sale in the town, or having in

1799. possession any tainted or putrid Salt Meat, or pickled Fish. And the Packers of Provision and pickled Fish are Required to give information of any such to this Board or either of its Members; and any Packer refusing or Neglecting to give such information of who shall Repack any unwholesome meat or Fish, not fit for use, together with the Proprietor, or Possessor of the same, will be Prosecuted as the Law directs.

Sixth. All Persons Repacking, after the first day of June and until the first day of October next, any Provision of Meat or Pickled Fish, within the town of Boston except on some Islands where Permission shall be Obtained in writing from the Board, are also liable to a Prosecution Accordingly by the Board.

Seventh. Keeping after the first day of May, and until the first day of Decr. in each Year, within the town of Boston any untanned hides, subject them to seizure unless removed within 24 hours after Notice being given to the Board; and Notice is Accordingly hereby given by them.

Committee

Voted, That James Prince Esqr. Mr. Tho. Williams and Paul Revere Esqrs. be a Committee to Publish in three of the Public News Papers printed in the town of Boston such Extracts from the foregoing Report, as in their Opinions may tend to public Utility — And to be prefaced by the following Address — viz

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The Board of Health to their Constituents

Selected by your own Neighbours & Fellow Townsmen to the important Office of a Board of Health, at a time when our feelings & sensibility have been keenly wounded in consequence of the fatal sickness that pervaded the Capital, we have been anxiously employed to

Addreſs.

Devise the best measures best calculated to stand, if not wholly to prevent a return of the like distressing scene — After consulting Medical men, and comparing their Opinions with our own, we this Day present to you a Plan, which we trust if carried into effect, will, under the guidance of a kind Providence, lead to the attainment of this desired Object; for notwithstanding the diversity of Opinions respecting the real origin of the late Fever, there can be no Doubt, but a rigid attention to cleanliness, and immediate removal of feetid substances in the town, will, by correcting the Atmosphere, have a great tendency to impede its fatal Progress, should the Fever again make its appearance.

Arduous as the execution of the Duties incident to this novel Office at first view appeared, we have the animating confidence to believe, that the prompt & decided concurrence and support that will be afforded us by our constituents in general, will render it as easy and agreeable, as we can reasonably expect.

It must be evident, that a system which embraces so many Objects as the one now presented, will occasion considerable expence to carry it into execution; but we doubt not that when our Constituents consider the loss they sustained in their Commerce and Business the last summer, they will readily admit these Expences to be necessary and unavoidable; while we pledge ourselves to you, that in all our arrangements, we will study the most frugal and Oeconomical plan, we expect to meet your generous & hearty concurrence; under this impression, we Request of you at your next town meeting to adopt such measures as will place to our disposition the sums necessary to carry our system into effect.

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We ask no pecuniary Recompence for our individual services. If our Exertions shall appear to be the means of preserving the life of a single citizen, the Joys and Transports that will encompass the heart of the husband, or the Wife, the Parent or the Child, shall be our sufficient Reward —

By order of the Board of Health,

[Signed] Paul Revere, President

I. W. Folsom Sec'y. —

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March 25 At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — Voted, That the Members be divided into Classes, to be stiled the Weekly Committee of the Board of Health. The first Meeting to commence on Monday, the Tenth Day of April next.

Classes. Voted, That the following be the Arrangement for the Ensuing Year. . . .

Class N.° 1		Class N.° 2	
M.r Josiah Snelling	Ward N.° 1	Paul Revere Esq.r	Ward N.° 2
William Thompson Esq.r		M.r Mitchell Lincoln	
M.r John W. Folsom		Sam.l Breck Esq.r	

Class N.° 3		Class N.° 4	
James Prince Esq.r	Ward N.° 3	John Winslow Esq.r	
Capt. Christ.r Marshall		M.r Joseph Head	
Nathaniel Balch Esq.r		M.r Josiah Knapp	

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to print the necessary Blank Notifications.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to Advertize in three several News-papers, That the Packers of Beef within the town of Boston to appear on Wednesday the 3.d day of April at 4 o'Clock P.M. to take the Oath

required by a late Law of this Commonwealth. —

Voted, That the Office hours at the Board of Health shall be from Ten to One o'Clock A.M. and from Four

Office Hours. to Six o'Clock P.M. Daily, Saturday Afternoon & Public Days excepted. —

March 29. At a Meeting of the Board of Health, held this Day — Voted, That a committee be appointed to compare this States & the United States Laws, with the Power & Duties of the Board, and to report what Regulations they may make in consequence of the same, passed in the Affirmative — The following Members were appointed, Viz. Paul Revere & James Prince Esqrs. —

Committee

Voted, That from and after the First Day of June next, all Necessaries whose contents are less than Eighteen Inches from the surface of the Earth are Injurious to the

Privies health of the Inhabitants, and will be deemed a Nuisance and be liable to Prosecution

Voted, That the Secretary be Directed to purchase a Desk for the use of the Board of Health. —

Voted, That a committee be appointed to notify the Owners of Hulks in the Town Dock, and Oliver's

Committee on Hulks Dock to remove the same by the 15th April, Inst. Unanimously, and the following Members were Appointed Capt. C. Marshall & Nath.l Balch Esqr.

Voted, That the Committee in conference with the Select Men, be Requested to have the vacant Lands of the town Fenced in —

Proposals having been made from a Number of Candidates for the Office of Inspector & Messenger Mr. Wm. Phillips was elected to that Office, during the pleasure of the Board — to receive at and after the rate of 37 Dollars Ann. Adjourned.

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April 3 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day .. Being the Day assigned for Administering the Oath to the Packers of Fish, the following Gentlemen appeared — Mr. Joseph Basset, Mr. Edward Bant, James Bunny, William Foster, George Singleton, Benjamin Clark, Packers Jozh. Hudson, Elisha Tower, Thomas Emmons, Timothy Brown, Smith Woodward, Benj.a Owen, John Cartwright, John McElloy, Thomas Poole, Thomas Barbour & John Lambert, who took the same before the President of the Board.

Voted, That John Winston, Nathaniel Balch & William Thompson Esqrs. be a Committee to make the necessary Enquiries respecting a Contract for disposing of the Filth & Dirt in the Town of Boston.

April 11. — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — The Committee appointed to confer with the Select Men, respecting the disposing of the Dirt & Filth of the Town, gave in the following Report, which being read, the Arrangements were severally passed Unanimously Viz.

Committee Application to the Selectmen

1st. To Jointly recommend to the Inhabitants in the first Instance, the enclosing all Vacant Lands, as Receptacles of Dirt & Filth.

2d. That they would report to the Select Men, the Necessity of examining under Faneuil Hall Market, and to conform to the Recommendations of the Physicians respecting Drains, Common Sewers and Flaving.

3. That as respects the emptying Vaults of Privies, they could make no arrangement, but they would recommend to the Board of Select Men to assign places belonging to the Town to receive the Filth & Dirt removed by the Scavengers.

4th That they would propose to the Select Men to direct the Keeper of Rainsford Island, to receive all Persons cloaths & Bedding sent by us, or any Merchandize, that we thought necessary to be smoaked or cleansed in that Island, and further order the Boatman to call on us whenever and as often as they came to town to receive our directions, and that the Officers of the Island are to follow our Order on all Matters we wished.

5th That the Board of Select Men would take cognizance of all Nuisances respecting high Ways and of Blown Meat in Faneuil Hall Markets

(Signed) Wm Thompson
J. Prince
} Committee

Horses and Carts under consideration, & various modes recommended — On a Motion, That six horses and Carts be immediately purchased for the use of the town and six men hired as Scavengers, and one man employed to superintend them, — passed in the Negative

Committee on Horses & Carts.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to contract with some Responsible Person to furnish six Men to Act as Scavengers with six horses, and six good Carts, to be subject to the Order of this Board at all times, to remove the Dirt from the Streets Lanes and alleys, and all Nuisances that they may be ordered to be removed by the Board of Health or their Committee — The Contractor to superintend the Business and make regular Reports to the Board or their Committee as may be directed — And to give Bonds for the faithful performance of the Contract — The following Gentlemen were appointed by Mr. Joseph Head, Mr. Josiah Knapp, John Winslow Esq. James Prince Esq. & Nath.l Balch Esq.

April 11

This Day the Board of Select Men made the following communication, Viz —

Communication from the Select Men.

"At a Meeting of the Select Men, April 10, 1799 Upon the Report of the Committee to confer with the Committee of the Board of Health — Voted, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants to enclose all such Vacant Lands, as in the Opinion of the Board of Health may become receptacles of Filth and dirt."

Voted, That the Marsh at the bottom of the Common, near the Rope-Walks, be Assigned as a place for depositing Dirt, and the Sweepings of the Streets.

Directions to the Keeper Rainsford Island ----

Voted, The Keeper of Rainsford Island is directed to Receive all sick or contageous Persons, Cloaths, or Merchandize, that may in the Opinion of the Board of Health, be infectious; and to conduct with them as they shall direct, and the Keeper of the Island is directed to call at the Board of Healths Office as often as he may come to Boston, to receive such Instruction, as the Board may have to give, and to conform himself to them, until further orders from the Select Men.

Signed, William Cooper, Town Clerk.

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At a Regular Meeting of the Board held this Day The Committee appointed to contract with some suitable Person or Persons to furnish Six Horses & Carts for the use of the Town Reported a Contract with Mr. James S. Lovell, which being Read, and amended, the following Vote was Passed Viz. —

Report Committee on Carts. ---

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. President of this Board be directed and empowered to contract with Mr. James S. Lovell for six horses and Carts, with Harness compleat, and six Men to act as Scavengers and Drivers, to commence on the first day of May next, and to continue daily, (Sundays excepted) until the first day of November next, at and after the rate of Two Dollars

and fifty Cents for Day for each Cart, Horse, Harness and Driver — And also an Addition of Sixty Dollars for the expenses of Barn Fire, Settlements, Shoeing, Nails Cloaths and other Accessaries.

Voted, That the Residents be directed & empowered to grant Certificates, to any six Men whose Names shall be returned by Mr. Lovell, and with whose Character he is satisfied, to act as Scavengers for the Town of Boston during the Pleasure of the Board.

A Petition from Ft. Dall and others respecting a Lot of Vacant Land situated at the South part of the Town being a Nuisance, was taken up & committed to the following Committee viz Mr. Josiah Knapp, and Mr. Jos. Head

A Petition from Seventy six Inhabitants of West-Boston respecting a Marsh, which from its present situation will shortly become dangerous to the lives and health of the Inhabitants, more especially in that Vicinity, was taken up, & committed to the following Committee viz, James Prince & Samuel Bradford Esqrs

Swine

Voted, That from the first day of May, and until the first day of October next, no Licences shall be granted to the Keepers of Swine within the Town of Boston unless satisfactory evidence be given to the Board, or Committee, that such Hogsty be erected over the water, so that the Filth shall be completely carried off.

Voted, That an Advertisement be immediately Printed and sent to the Inhabitants Requesting them to remove their Filth or Dirt from their Yards & Cellars, and that previous to the first day of May, and at their own expence

Voted, That it be recommended to the Inhabitants owning Wharves &c. where Provision or Pickled Fish have been packed to remove one foot from off the surface and replace it by clean shingle Ballast, or gravel, and all Wharves & passages not, hereby be covered six Inches in like manner.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to consider what Recommendations would be proper for the Board to make to their Constituents as calculated to prevent the spreading of Epidemic diseases — And that they receive and examine all Communications that may be made by Medical & other men to this Board on this interesting subject, and make occasional Reports on the same*

Committee

* Committee James Prince Esqr. & Mr. Head

Voted, That the Messinger be directed immediately to inform Mr. James S. Lovell to call on the President, that he may receive his instructions to be employed as soon as possible.

Voted, That the Committee of conference with the Selectmen be requested to inform them of a Nuisance on Fort Hill, the Town Land, which may be remedied by making proper Channels in the Earth to draw off the Water

Committee

Voted That a Committee be appointed to contract with some Person or Persons between Long Wharf to the South East part of the Town, including Welsh's Boston for a suitable place for the Purpose of throwing over the Contents of Necessaries — The following Members were Appointed viz. - Nath.l Balch & James Prince Esqrs. & Mr. Jos.h Knapp

Committee

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to contract with some Person or Persons at the North part of the Town to Charles River Bridge for the Purposes before mentioned — The following Members were Appointed viz. - Mr. Josiah Snelling & Capt. M. Lincoln.

Appointment Dr. Welsh

Voted, That Dr. Welsh be appointed a Physician to act under the direction of the Board, and that the President be empowered to confer with him, & to make the necessary Arrangements for his entering on the Duties of his Office.

Voted, That all Publications made by the

Board of Health shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary

The Committee appointed to make the necessary enquiries respecting the Dyster Stalls gave in a Report, that they were ready to move whenever they were directed.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to Notify the owners or proprietors to remove the Stalls on the Town Dock within 24 hours —

Adjourned. —

Ten Members present.

April. 25 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day, the Committee appointed to contract with some Person or Persons, between Long Wharf to the South part of the Town, including West Boston Reported, that by a Vote of the Proprietors of West Boston Bridge liberty was granted to the Board of Health to direct that the Contents of Necessaries or other Filth may be thrown from the Bridge into deep Water

Privilege at West Boston

The Committee appointed to contract with some Person or Persons at the North part of the town, including Charles River Bridge Reported, that by a Vote of the Proprietors of Charles River Bridge Liberty was also granted to the Board of Health to Direct that the Contents of Necessaries or other Filth may be thrown from the Bridge into Deep Water, That leave was also granted for the like Purposes by the Owners of Ingalls and Eliston's Wharf — Accepted

Privilege at Charles River Bridge

Voted, That the following Member, be a Committee to make the Necessary Preparations, that the foregoing may be carried into Effect, Viz. Paul Revere & James Prince Esqrs.

The Standing Committee of Conference with the Committee of the Board of Select Men Reported, that by a Vote of that Board, it was determined, that the Powers of the Selectmen did not extend to authorise them to give Direction or to superintend the cleansing Common Sewers.

Committee of Conference Selectmen

Whereupon it was Voted, That a Committee be Appointed to take into consideration the present state of the Committee on Drains common Sewers, and where found Necessary to be cleansed that they immediately employ suitable Persons, that the same be promptly and Effectually done. ...

The following Members were Appointed — Viz Capt. Christ. Marshall, Edm. Winslow & Nath. Bates Esqrs.

A Committee appointed to confer with Dr. Welsh & acquaint him with his Appointment, Reported, That they had a Conference with him and that he Accepted his Appointment. ...

Voted, That the Fee to be allowed the Physician Physicians Fee as a visiting Fee, shall not exceed Four Dollars.

Voted, That a Committee be Appointed, to make other Arrangements with Dr. Welsh, and to furnish him with a Certificate for his entering on the Duties of his Office —

The following Members were Appointed Viz. Samuel Bradford Esq. and Mr. Joseph Stead. —

Voted, That the Committee of Conference, be Re- Committee to the Selectmen quested to Recommend to the Selectmen, to lay more Gravel five or six inches deep in Lanes Alleys, and Passages belonging to the Town, that are not Paved. —

Voted, That the Secretary be a Committee to draft a Licence to be given to Undertakers for the emptying Vaults of Necessaries —

On a Motion, That a Committee be Appointed to confer with the Proprietors of Mill Pond, on the Necessary steps to be taken, that the same may remain covered with water a certain Parts of the Year, was Referred to Next Meeting. ...

The Committee appointed on a Petition from a Number of Inhabitants the West Boston respecting a Marsh, Reported, That they had attended that Business, and heard both

parties, and Messrs. Parkman & Otis having Dug several Trenches, through their Lands, the Complainants & the Committee are fully satisfied — Accepted —

Voted, That the Committee on the Recommendations, be Requested to Report at the next Meeting —

Adjourned. —

April 29. At a Meeting of the Board, Specially called this Day — Present Nine Members.

The Committee Appointed to Arrange the business with Mr. Lovell, Reported, That he had directed a small red and white Flagg, and a Spring Bell to be affixed to the front of the Cart, and that they were directed to Assemble at the State House on Thursday Next at Ten o'Clock A.M. for the Purpose of delivering the Scavengers their Licence, and for the general Inspection of the Board and for Signing & completing the Contracts with Mr. Lovell —

Committee on Arrangement

On the Complaints of Mr. Josiah Knapp & others, that the Dock Bounding on him at the south part of the Town, having been examined by the Board — Voted, that the said Dock in its present Situation is considered by the Board a Nuisance.

Voted. That James Prince Esq. be a Committee to wait on the Select Men, to know whether Leave had been given to sundry Persons letting their Vaults into the Common Sewer, who immediately waited on the Board of Select Men, and made the following Report — "That so far from any Permission being Given by that Board to any Individuals, they conceived its highly injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants — Thereupon

Vaults into the Common Sewer

Voted, That it is the Opinion of this Board, that all Necessaries which let into the Common Sewer, are considered by this Board as Nuisances, and do Recommend to the Committee, who are cleaning the Common Sewers, to take the Earliest Steps to have all such Nuisances Removed —

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On the Petition of a Number of Inhabitants respecting the Mill Pond, pointing out the Necessity of the opening the Gates at that part of the Town &c. — On a Motion, that there be a Special Committee, to confer with the Proprietors, passed in the Negative. —

Mill Pond

Voted, That the Petition respecting the Mill Pond be Referred to the Committee of Conference with the Select-Men — And that they be Requested to confer with the Proprietors of the Mill Pond, and to take such Measures for Purifying or Removing all such Nuisances contemplated in that Petition.

Voted, That Mr. Josiah Knapp be added to that Committee.

Tombs

Voted, That Capt Christopher Marshall be a Committee to Apply to the Select Men, and make Enquiry or by any other Means to gain such Information respecting several Tombs in the Common Burying Ground as presented by the Messinger in a very Bad situation — That the same may be put in immediate Repair at the expence of the town, where Owners cannot be found —

Voted, That Five Days be added to the Letter & Notice of Complaint sent to Dan Lowell Esq. on the 20. Instant

Sum Granted

Voted, That in the Opinion of the Board, that the sum of Six Thousand Dollars will be Requisite to carry into Effect the Regulations of the Board of Health for the ensuing Year. — And that the Secretary be directed to communicate the foregoing Vote to Herman Baimmer Esq. that such Requisition may be inserted in the Next Notification for a Meeting of the Inhabitants

The Committee appointed to consider what Recommendations would be proper for the Board to make to their Constituents as calculated to prevent Epidemic Diseases, made Report; which being Read and Amended, Passed as follows.

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Board of Health to their Constituents —

Inexperienced in the Duties of the Office we are placed in, but solicitous to accomplish the important purpose for which it was instituted, we have been studious to discover the means best adapted to secure and promote Health, and to prevent as far as lays in our Power, the Return of a Malady so fatal as that which made an alarming progress in this Capital, and raged with dreadful severity in some of our sister cities, within the course of the last year — After pointing out those Rules and Regulations which are directed by the Law as incumbent on our fellow Citizens to conform to, wishing to extend our usefulness farther, yet without trusting solely to our own Judgement, we sought and derived information from Persons skilled in the investigation of Physical causes and effects; from whose opinion, of great weight with us, we now beg leave to present to our fellow Citizens, the following Recommendation, as deserving of their serious attention, and careful Observation

1st. That a plentiful supply of fresh water be speedily conducted to the most convenient and suitable places in the various parts of the town, to be so contrived as to be capable of being brought into use, for the purpose of washing and cleaning the streets, lanes and other passage ways in the town, and for cooling the air in hot and dry weather — This is supposed to be very practicable, from the abundant sources that exist within the limits of the Town and in the Vicinity thereof — Besides the above use, the water so disposed, will serve for another most valuable and important purpose, that of quenching the flames of Burning Houses —

2d That the Cellars under all Dwelling Houses & Stores be thoroughly cleaned, and kept clean; and the Walls and

Ceilings of every House and Cellar be White-washed with Lime in the Spring; and that unslacked Lime be thrown occasionally into the Vaults of every House during the summer Season. —

3d. That all Drains for waste Water [under ground] which do not empty into common sewers, be led into the nearest Sewer, and that Valves be affixed to their mouths, so as to prevent the foul air and Stench from issuing therefrom, which is known to be of a very noxious Quality, and dangerous to Health. ——————

4th. That all Vacant Lots of Land, that are commonly made the receptacles of Filth, Foetide and Putrid substances, be immediately cleaned, and enclosed with Fences of sufficient height by their respective Owners; and that trees of the Quickest growth be planted on every Spot that will admit thereof, as the leaves of trees, and other Vegetables in their living State, are known to possess the estimable property of absorbing the noxious particles of air, and of rendering the most salubrious parts of the Atmosphere — The present Months being the fittest season for planting trees, this Object claims the immediate attention & exertion of every citizen in whose power it may be to effect it.

5th That the Inhabitants would absolutely refuse to buy or eat any fresh meat brought in for sale, that is blown up with the foul air in some Butchers that has passed thro' human Lungs — By strict attention to this Caution, the Nasty and abominable practice of blowing meat, so pernicious to health may be abolished. —

6th That during the Continuance of the summer Months the Inhabitants use a [illegible] spiritious Liquors, than at any other Seasons of the Year.

7th. That great caution be Observed by all persons when attending Funerals against thronging into houses or setting in Rooms where dead Bodies are laid, at the hour appointed for Funerals — This Custom though become familiar and

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Habitual, by long, practice is attended with real Injury to the living, and certainly cannot be of any consequence to the Dead

8th The Board would recommend the Enquiry, Whether there is not a Propriety in abstaining from interring dead bodies under churches, if not all the year, at least during the Summer Months? As this Practice is by Medical men declared to be dangerous to the health and lives of the Inhabitants.

9th. Fruitless and unavailing indeed will be the Solicitude and earnest wish of the Board for the health and welfare of their Fellow citizens unless heartily seconded and aided by their general concurrence and united exertions; and unless individuals (especially the poorer class of citizens) feel the propriety and necessity of abstaining from that negligence and uncleanliness in person, in clothing, and in Bedding; that Dirtiness in their Dwelling houses, and that Filth & nastiness in the Yards and Avenues adjacent, which too frequently prevails among them, and generate & emit contagion, and unavoidably bring on Disease & Death. — No position is more demonstrable, than that cleanliness is not only conducive, but absolutely Necessary to health; and, surely cleanliness is within the reach of every Person, be he rich or be he poor —

All human Designs, are at first imperfect, their progress towards maturity must be by slow and gradual improvements, derived from experience and attentive Observation. Whatever has hitherto been submitted to the Public, by this Board, must be considered only as feeble Essays towards a useful plan — They hope and trust that their Defects will be overlooked or Noticed with a candid and indulgent mind by those who possess superior talents — They sincerely and fervently invite men of Science & Proficiency in Physics, to afford them such information and Advice as they deem to be useful, and any of their communications made with that benevo-

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be Inspection will be received and duly Acknowledged by this Board with Gratitude and adopted with Pleasure—

Signed — James Prince } Committee
Joseph Head }

Voted. That the foregoing Recommendations be signed by the President & Countersigned by the Secretary, and be immediately Published

Adjourned. - - - -

May 2. At a Meeting of the Board specially called on Thursday, this Day — Agreeable to the Direction given to Mr. Lovell to Appear at the Town House with Six suitable Carts for the Service of the Town, Mr. Lovell informed the Board he had complied with said Injunction and the Carts were ready for the Inspection of the Board. —

Inspection of Carts

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Knapp and Mr. Josiah Snelling, be a committee to make the necessary Inspection, and to Report immediately —

Voted, That Timothy Ryan, Daniel Henry Nathaniel Cowdy, David English, Edward Welch, & Patrick White, be appointed Scavengers for the Town of Boston during the Pleasure of this Board —

Scavengers

The committee appointed to inspect the Carts Reported, That in their Opinion, only Two were fit for the service of the Town, and that the Remainder could not be considered conformable to the Contracts drawn up between the President of this Board and Mr. Lovell —

Voted, That Mr. Lovell be Directed, to provide four suitable carts, to the Acceptance of the committee, by the 25th inst. and that the Indulgence of this Board be granted to him to employ those now offered, Until that time

Voted, That Special Directions be given to Mr. Lovell not to Engage for any Individual to cart off the Dirt taken from Cellars or Yards, where he shall be perfectly satisfied to whom such Dirt may belong till the further Orders of this Board, or their Weekly Committee — As from the present situation of the Town large Quantities remain to be carried away where no Owners are to be Found.

Special Direction to Mr Lovell

Voted That the Secretary be directed to procure a List of the several Wards for the use of this Board — and to purchase a Map of the Town

Nine Members present. ——

Adjourned. ——

May 4. — At a Special Meeting of the Board held on Saturday May 4. 1799. — The Committee appointed to confer with Dr. Welsh, and to make the necessary Arrangements gave in the following Reports as the necessary Warrents for entering on the Duties of his Office — Viz

Warrent to the Physicians

"Sir You being appointed by the Board of Health at their Meeting on the 27th of April last to act under the direction of the Board are hereby authorized and Enjoined to examine all such Vessels as shall arrive in the Harbour and be detained at the Castle for this Purpose; and having examined their Cargoes, and every Person on Board, as well Passengers as Seamen with their Cloaths & Bedding, and having found them in your Opinion free from Infection of every contagious and malignant Distemper; and that the Passengers & Seamen may with safety to the Inhabitants be permitted to come up to Town — You are Requested to give to the Captain of such Vessels a Certificate to this effect and also to certify to the Commanding Officer of the Garrison in like manner.

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The Captain or Owner of such Vessel having Liberty given to
him for Examination — Also it is also your Duty to
give the same Fee for every Vessel examined, whether she is
permitted to come up to Town or not — And in case you
are not satisfied that a Vessel so examined, is free from In-
fection, you are immediately to inform the Board thereof —

The Fee established for your Compensation by the said
Board, is Four Dollars in Full of all Expences. ——

In Cases where you find Persons on Board any Vessel
sick with a contagious Disorder, you will order the Vessel to
Rainsford Island, there to land the sick Person, and to leave
the Vessel sufficiently cleansed before she comes up to Town

By Order of the Board of Health,
Signed, Paul Revere, President

Dr Thomas Welsh —

To the Commanding Officer, at Castle William.

Sir,

Instruction to Capt. Gates.

The Board of Health for the Town of Boston, con-
stituted by an Act of the General Court of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, passed on the 27th Feby 1799. and Entitled An
Act to empower the Inhabitants of Boston, to choose a Board of
Health, and for removing and preventing Nuisances in s.d Town"
— Have appointed Mr. Thomas Welsh of said Boston, Physician, to
examine all such Vessels as may be detained at the Castle, together
with Passengers & Seamen, their Cloaths & Bedding, which may
be supposed not free from Contagion; and agreeable to the first
section of an Act respecting Quarantine & Health Laws, passed at
the last Session of the Congress of the United States — We pray
you to assist the s.d Physician in the Discharge of his Duties &
to detain all Vessels from such Ports or Places as the Board of
Health from time to time shall think proper to have Ex-
amined & until you shall been certified by the Physician as
aforesaid, that such Vessel or Vessels are free from Infection —
And we request the Board of Health requests you to stop for

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examination & Vessels arriving after this Day from Surinam Demerara and the Savannah. ——

By Order of the Board
Signed, Paul Revere President

Voted, That the foregoing Reports be Accepted, and be immediately forwarded as Directed ——

Voted, That the Weekly Committee give directions to the Keeper of Rainsford Island, to receive all sick Persons, their Cloaths or Bedding which may be sent by Dr. Welsh —

Adjourned ——

May 8 — At a Meeting of the Board, held this Day ——
Committee

Few Members present —— Voted, That Gen. Heath be a Committee to Enquire into a Complaint against Capt. Welsh for having a Nuisance which was Represented to the Board as impracticable to be complied with — and to Report —

The Committee on the subject of the Gates at West Boston, Reported Progress and asked leave to sit again ——

The Committee appointed to superintend the cleansing the Drain, or Common Sewer in Market Square, came in a Report, That they had completed the Business assigned them, and presenting sundry Bills from the Workmen Committee
amounting to One hundred & seventeen Dollars & sixty-six cents which was read and Passed to be allowed.

Voted, That Mr. John W. Folsom, be appointed Treasurer for this Board —

Voted, That James Prince Esqr. be a Committee to wait on Mr. Bowen and consult with him on the Propriety of settling with the Owners or Possessors of a Quantity of Damaged Fish Salted condemned by the Board, that the same may be received without a Prosecution, provided they can save the Benefit of the Condemnation Act ——

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The Committee appointed to View the Common Burying Place in consequence of a Complaint having been made respecting several Tombs given away in decayed situations — Reported, That the necessary Enquiries had been made, and measures are to be immediately taken to have the same Repaired

Committee

Voted, That John Winslow Esqr. and Capt. Marshall be a Committee, to carry into Effect a Prosecution for the Recovery of the Fine against Sixty four Barrells pickled Fish, found in the Possession of Levi Lane &c. thirs —

Voted That the Commanding Officer at Castle Island be desired to stop all Vessells that may arrive from any Port in the West Indies, until the same shall have been inspected by the Physician of the Board and properly certified that such Vessell or Vessells their Cloathing & Bedding are free from Infection —

Quarantine from West Indies

Voted. That Paul Revere & John Winslow Esqrs be a Committee to take into consideration & to report what sum shall fill the Blank in the Rules & Regulations, as a Salary for the Compensation of the Secretary ——

Adjourned ——

May 15

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day Wednesday 15th May Nine Members present. ——

Committee

Voted, That Capt. Christr Marshall & John Winslow Esqr. be a Committee to wait on William Thompson Esqr. and Request to be informed, whether he considers himself a Member of this Board. —— —— . ——

The above Committee Reported, That Majr Thompson requested, that the Vote of this Board be sent to him in writing, which was accordingly done. —

On a Complaint of the Arrival of a Vessell from

New York, with a Quantity of Feathers supposed to be Infectious — The Board having directed an Inspection, by proper Persons, who Reported, That the Feathers were of a bad Quality, and new and Old were mixed together, Whereupon it was Voted, That the Secretary be directed to inform the Capt. by Letter, That the Board have Determined, That Provided they are Landed within the Town of Boston they will be considered a Nuisance dangerous to the Health of the Inhabitants, and Proceeded against agreeable to a Law of this Commonwealth therein made and provided —

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Voted, That Mr. Joseph Head, and James Prince Esq. be a Committee to wait immediately on Genl. Lincoln, Collector for the Port of Boston, and inform him of the Regulations of the Board, that Proper Measures may be taken in Cases of a similar Nature — Having performed their Commission, made the following Report, "That the Collector had agreed, That in future no Vessels should be admitted to an Entry from the West Indies until this Board were satisfied, That the Cargo might be landed without danger to the Inhabitants; and inasmuch as the Coasters took out a general Permit, the Collector would give special Orders to the Inspector charged with the Coasting Business not in future to suffer any Feathers, or other Suspected Goods to be landed until this Board were satisfied, that they are free from Infection — The Collector further observed the necessity of this Board Notifying him on this subject in writing —

Instructions to Collector

Voted, That the above Report be accepted, and that the Secretary Committee Notify the Collector Occasionally as Necessity may Require.

Voted, That an Advertisement be immediately put-

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lished Offering a Reward of Five Dollars to any Person or Persons giving information to the Board of Health of such Person who have been guilty of emptying the Contents of Necessaries into the Docks and other improper places contrary to the Regulations of this Board

The Committee appointed to take into consideration what sum shall be proper to fill the Blank in the Rules and Regulations, as a Salary for the compensation to the Secretary, Reported Five hundred and Fifty Dollars—Accepted. Adjourned.

May 22.

At a Meeting of the Board, held this Day—Eight Members being Present — Mr. William Taylor's request for further time for the Removal of a Nuisance on his Land was taken up and referred to the Weekly Committee ——

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. be a Committee to confer with the Town's Committee, the Representatives of the Town to the General Court of this Commonwealth, or to the Attorney General on the Expediency of altering and amending the Law Intitled, An Act to Impower the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston for choosing a Board of Health, and for Removing & Preventing Nuisances —

Committee

Voted, That the Representatives of the several Wards, be Requested agreable to their Advertisement Lately Published, to Visit the several Yards in each Ward, at some time previous to Wednesday next in the following Viz. Representatives of Ward N°. 1 & 2 to pass through N°. 1 & 2 Representatives for Wards N°. 3 & 4 to pass through Wards N°. 3 & 4 and so on through the whole. ——

Visiting Yards

Voted, That the Dirt carted to the Wharf and Landing Places be charged at 2 cent Loads, and that no Dirt under the Charge according

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May 22 Voted, That the Committee appointed to inspect the Carts &c. be directed to contract with Mr Bussey with Mr Lovett, provided the Carts are satisfactory, — and also to deliver the Licences ....

Committee on Carts. — Voted, That Nath[l] Balch Esq. Mr Josiah Knapp and John Winslow Esq. be a Committee to provide Carts proper for carrying away the Contents of Vaults, so that the same may done in a cleanly Manner, and to devise some suitable Means, by Licencing one or more Persons to superintend the Business, so that it may be carried into Effects.

Answer to Wm Thompson's Resignation The Committee appointed to wait on William Thompson Esq. for the Purpose of Ascertaining whether he considers himself a Member of this Board &c. produced a Letter [see File] which was Read, Whereupon it was Voted That the Secretary be directed to inform him by Letter, "That his Resignation as one of the Members of this Board will be highly satisfactory; and that in their Opinion the Public Utility, and the Interest of Ward N.º 2 in Particular, will be more essentially promoted by the Election of a Gentleman to supply his place, who will attend to the Duties belonging to the Board which are transacted at the Health Office in the East Chamber of the Old State House"

Adjourned to Tuesday next 3 P.M.

May 26 At a Meeting of the Board specially called on Sunday Morning — The President having produced a Letter from Dr Welsh Physician to the Board of Health wherein a Representation is made of the Difficulties attending the Vessells riding Quarantine by the bad Conduct of some of the Masters, whereupon

The Board having chosen a Committee, consisting of Paul Revere, Nath.l Balch and James Pierce Esq.rs immediately to wait on the Attorney General, to consult on the Powers of the Board — Who Reported, That it was the Attorney General's opinion, that the powers delegated by the Laws of this Commonwealth to the Select-Men, ought to be brought into co-operation with those of this Board —

Voted, That the Committee appointed to wait on the Attorney General, be a Committee directly to confer with the Selectmen on this Business & to adopt such such Measures in conjunction with them as shall appear Necessary —

Whereupon the said Committee having conferred with the Selectmen, they Returned and Reported, that the Selectmen had appointed Dr. Welsh as their Physician on Quarantine Matters, and had given the same Orders to him on their part, as those that had been given by the Board —

Adjourned.

May 28. — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day May 28 1799. Eight Members present. ——

Committee on Light Carts.

The Committee appointed to provide suitable Carts for carrying away the Contents of Vaults, made a Verbal Report in which was a plan proposed for Building light Carts with Covers — The Committee also Recommended the Digging a square Cellar at the bottom of the Common twenty feet square & ten feet deep &c, Properly covered with Plank Joists with a trap Door for the purpose of receiving the Contents of Necessaries. —

Voted, That the same Committee be directed to

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to stop some suitable Person to make their Oath, agreeable to the Plan Voted, and for the Purposes before mentioned ...

Draft of Lovell &c.

An Account having been exhibited by Mr Lovell amounting to Five hundred Sixty two Dollars and fifty Cents, was examined & allowed, together with the sum of Two hundred Dollars, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for the use of the Board, and to be by him Accounted for — Also one other sum of One hundred & seventeen Dollars sixteen Cents, to be paid John Winslow Esq. one of the Committee to superintend the cleansing & Repairing the Drain on the Town Dock and for discharging a Bill for the same, passed and allowed at a former Meeting — Making in the whole the sum of Eight hundred & Eighty Dollars sixteen Cents — which being made out in the usual form of Draft was presented to Samuel Clapp Esq. Town Treasurer ——

To Physician

Voted, That the Secretary inform the Physician of this Board in writing, that all Vessells arriving from Ports mentioned in his Instructions from time to time shall perform a Quarentine of Twenty Days, to be considered from the last contagious sickness on Board, & Twenty Days from the Port where a malignant or contagious disorder prevails —

Schooner John

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be directed to make the necessary Enquiries respecting the arrival of the Schooner John, from the Savannah, by what means she entered without furnishing the usual Certificate of Health and such other information from Dr Welsh as will satisfy the Board, that no improper measures have been taken

to discharge her Cargo, or permitting the men to come on shore —— Adjourned ——

June 5 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Seven Members Present.

An application having been made by Mr. Edwd. Parsons respecting a Vessele in the outer harbour riding Quarantine came to the following Resolution which the Secretary was directed to communicate in writing, as follows Viz —

Mr. E. Parsons. Sir The Board of Health feel it their incumbent Duty rigidly to adhere to their former Resolution of not suffering any Vessele directed to perform Quarantine, to come up to the inner harbour, in a less time than twenty Days after Death or sickness has been on Board, which in the opinion of the Physician to this Board, is malignant or contageous — Therefore your Request cannot be complied with

By Order, &c. &c. Secretary

The committee appointed at the last Meeting to make the necessary Enquiries respecting the Schooner John gave in a Report in writing from Dr. Welsh, wherein it appeared satisfactory to the Board that the conduct of Dr. Welsh was such as justify the measures he had taken, for which see his Letter on File ——

Report Schooner John

Adjourned ——

June 12 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day —— Present Nine Members.

Invitation Agreeable to an Invitation from the Committee of the Hon. Jas. Court of this Commonwealth, to attend at the Interment of this deceased Fellow Citizen this Day ——

The Board accordingly proceeded to the new

State House for that Purpose — After the Funeral Solemnities the Board returned to their Room.

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The Committee appointed to provide three suitable Carts for the purpose of more effectually carrying away the Contents of Privies, reported, that they had performed the Business Assigned them, and the Carts were ready for the Inspection of the Board ——

Paul Revere and James Prince Esqrs having at a prior Meeting of the Board, been appointed a Committee to prepare an Advertisements addressed to our Constituents gave in the following Draft, which was ordered to be Published — Viz —

Board of Health to their Constituents.

Address.

The Attention and Concurrence which have been Shewn by our Constituents in general to the Regulations Recommendations hitherto Proposed by us cannot but be highly pleasing — Notwithstanding, however, all the Exertions made since the Adoption of our System, there remains yet much to be done before the town will be cleansed of the Filth and unwholesome substances that have been collecting, since many years within its Walls — We ought not therefore to relax in the least until the whole is completed, as the Season is fast approaching, when the Rays of the Sun by their intense heat, will put every particle of putrid matter into motion and occasion those noxious exhalations so prejudicial to Health.

In directing exertions to prevent a Return of the Fever the ensuing Summer, we have adopted our System to the two opinions prevailing as to the source of it's origin foreign and local — If from foreign by carefully all the

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authority invested to us by the Government in direct-
ing Quarantine to be performed by all Vessells arriving
from places where this Disorder does or hath lately pre-
vailed; and if from Local, by adopting a system of, ho-
nest and cleanliness which cannot, if rigidly adhered to,
fail to be of the highest importance

Address

Our Merchants animated by a Regard for the Pub-
lic good, will no doubt submit with chearfulness & patience
to the loss of time & expence, that must necessarily attend
their Vessells and property during the performance of Qua-
rantine and the Masters, Passengers & Crews of such Vessells
though their separation from their Families may be pro-
tracted for a few days should neither murmer or be un-
easy at the Regulation, but Reflect that this partial in-
convenience may possibly be the means of continuing, to
them or others for many years, those connections that have
been Invested to their Affections by the most tender, the most
endearing ties — Our Citizens in general, though the pre-
sent system of the Board may lead to additional pub-
lic and individual expences, will no Doubt accede to them
with that liberality of spirit which so nobly distinguishes
the Inhabitants of Boston — Combining our endeavors
to adhere rigidly to the two important points — a strict
Quarentine when necessary, and a rigid regard to clean-
liness — We have the best ground to hope, that under the
smiles of a good Providence we may be preserved the ensuing
season from a Return of that fatal malady which we all
so much deprecate, and thus the Health and the Lives of
our Citizens, and the Commerce of our Capital be preserved —

We again earnestly Request our Constituents to recall

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to their minds those Recommendations made by us in former Publications, and to conform to them as speedily as it is possible; especially that which Recommended to owners of Wharves, docks and other places, where large Quantities of provisions or fish have been landed or stored, to remove at least six inches of the surface and replace it with an equal Quantity of clean gravel or

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shingle Ballast — We could have wished this Recommendation had been more generally carried into Effect having been thought of great importance by many Medical Men —

We would also Recommend that great caution be observed by our Constituents and others in the purchase of Feathers, as we have received undoubted information that large Quantities of impure Feathers have been purchased at the Southward at a very low price by some Mercenary Dealers in that Article, and afterwards mixed with new Feathers, and brought to this part of the Country — A large Quantity, supposed to be of this description, were lately detected by us & sent beyond the limits of the Town.

We Recommend to the Inhabitants on the mornings of the Days the Police Carts are to pass through their respective Wards, to take (or caused to be taken) the Gutters, and to sweep the Streets before their Houses, and place the Dirt into piles, as by this means the same can be be more effectually and easily taken up & Removed —

We would earnestly request of our Country Brethren not to give credit to Vague or uncertain Reports

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of the Prevalence of contageous or other Sickness in the town, assuring them and the world, that should the town be again visited with unusual sickness, from which thanks to God, it is at present entirely free, we will twice at least in every Week present to the Public a candid and accurate Statement of the real situation of the same, for their Inspection & information —

By Order of the Board

/Signed/ Paul Revere President

Attest, Jos. W. Clarkson Secty. —

Adjourned —

June 19 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day Present, Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. M. Lincoln, James Prince Esqr. Capt. C. Marshall, Nath[l] Balch Esqr. & John Winslow Esqr.

Mill Pond The Subject of the Mill Pond again under consideration, and further Evidence Produced, tending to satisfy every unprejudiced mind, that the present State of the Pond, and more particularly at times when the Water is frequently drawn off, becomes a Nuisance of the first Magnitude, and highly injurious to Health — Whereupon the following Votes passed Unanimously, and the Secretary directed to communicate the same to the Mill Owners as soon as possible —

Voted "That in the opinion of this Board the Drawing off the Water from Mill Pond at any time within the Months of June, July, Augt & Septr in such Quantities that the Mud & Filth remains uncovered will be deemed a Nuisance, & highly Injurious to the Health of the

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Flags

Voted, That the President of this Board be requested to purchase seven Flags suitable for the use of the Board, to be placed at Barrisford Island agreeable to Law —

Voted, That Paul Revere & James Prince Esqrs and Mr. Josiah Knapp be a Committee to take the New Law into consideration, to prepare, alter or revise the Regulations of this Board, and to report such Alterations or Additions, as may appear necessary, & have the said Law fully carryed into effect

Law to be printed

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to procure One Thousand Copies of the new Law, to be printed on a Sheet, for the use of the Board

Adjourned. ——

June 26.

At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — Present Paul Revere Nathl. Balch, James Prince & John Winslow Esqrs Mr. Josiah Knapp Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Christr. Marshall, and Capt. Mitchell Lincoln —

The Committee appointed to take into consideration a late Law of this Commonwealth, Intitled, "An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to choose a Board of Health, and for removing & preventing Nuisances in said Town" — Gave in a Report.

Report on the new Law. —

The first clause being a Warrant Appointing Dr. Thomas Welsh visiting Physician to this Board was read and accepted, as follows. Viz —

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By the Board of Health.

To Dr Thomas Welsh of Boston Physician

Physician's Commission

By Virtue of the 17th Section of a Law of this Commonwealth Intitled, An Act to Empower the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to choose a Board of Health, and for Removing and Preventing Nuisances Passed the 20th inst. The Board of Health for said Town of Boston appoints you Visiting Physician to said Board, hereby giving to you all the Powers and Authorities in the said Act mentioned —

In Witness whereof we have caused the Signature of the President, to be given to these Presents, and Countersigned by the Secy. of the Board at Boston June 21st 1799.

/Signed/ Paul Revere President

Attest. Jno. W. Folsom Secy.

The Directions and Instructions to Masters of Vessells, were Read and Accepted as follows viz.

Instructions to Masters of Vessels

By the Board of Health.

No. 1. To ..... Master of the ..... called the ..... of ..... entering the Harbour of Boston from ..... his Officers, Crew and Passengers, and to every Person on Board said Vessell —

Whereas by a Law of this Commonwealth entitled an Act to Empower the Town of Boston to choose a Board of Health and for Removing & Preventing Nuisances passed the 20th June 1799 — the Board of Health for the Town of Boston are empowered whenever and as often as they deem it Necessary for the safety of the Town to cause Vessells arriving within the Harbour

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to Boston to perform Quarantine under such Restrictions regulations and Qualifications as they may Judge expedients; the Visiting Physician of the Board, having made known to them, that in his Opinion, you, your Vessels & Contents ought to perform Quarantine, and be Purified before you Proceed to this Town.

You, and each of you are therefore hereby Required in the name of the Commonwealth immediately to Proceed with your Vessels to Anchor near Rainsford Island within the outer harbour of Boston, and there perform Quarantine, and be Purified together with your Cargo, Cloaths, Beds & Bedding, and every other Matter and thing on board your Vessels, under and agreeable to the Directions of the Visiting Physician of this Board.

Each Day while Performing Quarantine, you are to hoist the Red Flagg, which will be delivered you for that purpose by the Visiting Physician, at the Head of the Main mast of your Vessels, from sunrise until Sunset to.

You are not to go out of your Vessels, on pretence for any Letter, Packet, Papers, or other thing of any kind or nature whatever, to be taken out, except to be landed on said Island for the purpose of Purification, and even then not, without, permission of either the Visiting Physician, or Keeper of said Island

You are not to suffer any Person to come on Board your Vessels on any Pretence whatever, except those employed by, or under the direction of this Board — and in case any Person should come on Board you are to detain them, until they have Permission to go on shore by the Visiting Physician

Should the Visiting Physician, Permit you, or

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any of you to go on shore at Rainsford Island, you are not on any pretence Whatever, to go without the Limits of the Line designated on said Island by the Board, or those that may be made by the Physician

You are to continue at Direction near Rainsford Island until you obtain a Certificate from the Visiting Physician, that you, your Vessels and the Contents may come up to town, with safety to the Inhabitants

In case you wish at any time the Keeper of the Island to come on Board you will hoist your Ensign or Jack in the Shrouds.

You are herewith Furnished with the Laws on Quarantines in order that you may not plead Ignorance of your Duty, and while the Board of Health on the one hand feel an Assurance of your Punctual compliance therewith, they think it incumbent on them to Observe, that they will cause the same to be carried into Effect with the most rigid exactness, and Prosecute all those who may transgress in any manner whatever. — By Order of the Board

Signed

Attest. W. Tomlinson Sec.y Paul Revere Presidt.

— Then a Letter directed to the Pilots being read, was amended and Accepted, as follows. Viz —

Letter to Pilots —

Sir,

I hereby inform you, that the Board of Health have directed, That all Vessells coming From Surrinam Isquibo Demarara, all the West India Islands, including the Continents of South America or Spanish Main, Canary & Cape de Verd Islands & Africa, are to perform Lia-

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tantine and forbid to pass the Castle until examined by the Visiting Physician — Once I enclose you a Law of this Commonwealth, in order that you may not plead Ignorance, but Know the Duties required of you by the 9th and 15th Section of the same. —

By Order of the Board

Signed — Paul Revere President

Attest Jno. W. Folsom Secy. —

The Form of a Letter of Instructions to be sent to Mr. Thomas Shean Keeper of Rainsford Island was read and Accepted as follows.

By the Board of Health.

To Thomas Shean, Keeper of Rainsford Island.

Instructions to Mr. Shean. —

Whenever any Vessel is directed to perform Quarantine by the Visiting Physician at the Island and arrives at her anchor, you will immediately on any of the Crew or Passengers coming on shore, hoist a red Flagg on a Flagg Staff to be erected for that purpose on the Island, and not suffer any Person to come within the Lines marked out by the Board — and in case any Person should presume so to do, or should go on board any Vessel while performing Quarantine, or take from on Board any Letter, Packet or other thing, you will forcibly detain him, and oblige him to undergo Purification in the same manner, and under the same Regulations, as those performing Quarantine on the Island such Detention to continue until he is discharged by the Visiting Physician —

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You are to aid & assist the Visiting Physician in Purifying and cleansing all Vessels ordered to the Island for that purpose together with their Rigging Company Beds, Bedding Cloathing, Cargo, & all the things on Board, and in case any of them are sick, you are to provide Rooms, Nurses, and all other necessaries for the sick, as has been usual, for which you will Receive the same compensation, as has hitherto been established by the Select Men of this town.

It is of great importance, that the Crews of different Vessels should not hold Correspondence or connexion with each other, and you will be particular in this respect, by Obliging the Crews & Passengers of each Vessel to keep within the respective lines marked out for them by the Visiting Physician. —

In case any Person should neglect or refuse to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Board, agreeable to the printed form of directions now delivered to you — You are to make a Representation of the same, together with the names of the Delinquents to the Board.

No Person is to quit the Island until his Bills for the expences are either paid or secured

In Order to prevent complaints for services the Board hereby agree to the following Fees for your Labour —

Conveyance of Sick from Town to the Island to be p.d by Town. ... $1.

Boat coming to Town for the Doct.r to visit the Sick on emergency . 3 "
one half to Mr. Spear & the other half passed to the Town's Credit

Smoaking and Cleansing Vessels Down 2 to . . . 6

Coffin Digging Graves & Burial 5

Nurses Board to be paid to Mr. Spear by the Town p.r Week. 1.50
and his Wages to 3/ p.r Week when no Sick on the Island

Two Dol. p.r Day to be allowed Mr. Spear and one man with a Boat for landing Goods from the Vessel to the Island . . . .

Mr. Spear to be allowed one man to bring the Boat to Town every day — His services $20 p.r Month & Board $3 p.r Week.

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The Rules & Regulations having been then Read and amended were passed unanimously as follows ... and ordered to be Printed

Whereas the Legislature of this Commonwealth at their Session in May 1799. by an Act, entitled An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to choose a Board of Health, and for removing and preventing Nuisances, did fully authorize and empower the said Board of Health, for the Town of Boston, or a majority of them, from time to time to make such Rules and Regulations, to take effect within the Limits of the Town as to them should appear necessary, to prevent and remove Nuisances and Sources of Filth, in their opinion injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants, and that any Person or Persons who should disobey any of them after the expiration of three Days from their Publication in two of the Public Papers printed in said Town, should be prosecuted, and on conviction thereof, in the manner pointed out by said Law, forfeit and pay a Fine of Five Dollars, together with the Costs ——

The Board of Health for the Town of Boston in virtue of the said Authority, do now make, publish & declare the following Rules & Regulations, as the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health for the Town of Boston to commence and be in force within the limits of said town, from and after the expiration of three days from their present Publications; and any Person or Persons who shall not comply with them, or either of them will be prosecuted according to the provisions of the s. Law; and they earnestly call on the several Constables, Watchmen and other Officers employed by or under the Town

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as well as the Inhabitants in general, to give information to the T. Board against all Delinquents

1st No Piggetts or Pigs shall be kept within the Town without a Licence from the Board of Health, and except they stand over the Water in such manner that the Filth will be compleatly carried off, by the Ebbing and Flowing of the Tide —

2d No Person shall be Permitted to bring, sell or leave in his Possession within the Town, any Oysters, from and after the First Day of June until the First day of Septemb^r following, in each Year

3d No Fresh Fish shall be sold or kept in any Stall Fish Box, or other House within the Town, except such Stall Fish Box, or other House stands over the salt Water.

4th No Fresh Fish shall be brought between the Channel and the shore, or within the Town, unless their throats have been cut, the Blood cleanly washed off, and the gills and entrails taken out and thrown away — Salmon Eels, Live and small Fish excepted — Nor shall any fresh Fish remain on Board any Vessel, Stall Fish Box or other Place for a longer Space than twelve hours without being salted

5th No Person shall be allowed to sell any Salmon Eels or small Fish within the town, unless they have a tight Vessell sufficiently large to hold the skins, heads and other offals of the said Fish, and they shall put the same therein as collected and made, and after cause them to be thrown either into the Channel or otherwise carried out of Town before they become putrid or Offensive.

6th No Seller of Fish shall Scale any Fish on the Land within the Limits of the Town, or throw the heads of Fish on any Wharf, or into the Streets, Lanes, or Alleys of the same. . . . . .

7th All Persons having Stalls in Faneuil Markets House, the Markets, or Dock Square, shall be obliged one in every Day to wash and cleanse their respective Stalls; and from and after the 1st Day of July, and until the first day of October next following, in each year, no heads or offals of Dead creatures or Vegetables of any kinds shall be suffered to remain over nights in either of the above places —

8th. No Feather or other Beds, Bedding or clothing arriving from any place where a Contagious Disorder prevails, or hath lately prevailed, shall be landed within the Town from any Vessel Boat or Craft, though such Vessel Boat or Craft may not have been directed to perform Quarantine without permission in writing from the Board of Health.

9th No Owner or Keeper of a Livery or other Stable within the Town, shall have more than two Cart loads of Dung at one time, proceeding from his Stable, from the first Day of May, until the first day of November then next following, in each Year.

10th All Graves for the interment of the Dead shall be at least six feet deep, and the Proprietors of the several Churches within the Town under which Dead Bodies are or may be deposited shall cause at least three Bushells of Lime to be slacked under each of them once every Fortnight from the first Day of June, until the first Day of October next following in each Year

11th No Person shall throw any Dead Animals, or Vegetable substances or the sweepings of Vessels holds into any of the Docks, Mill Pond, Bottom of the Common, or

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Harbour within the Channel and the Shore, or land the same on any of the Wharves within the Town

12th No Person shall open or clean any Vaults of Privies within the Town, without Permission in writing from the Board of Health from and after the first day of May until the first day of November then next following in each Year, but whenever and as often as the Contents of any Privie is within Eighteen inches of the Surface of the Earth, they shall directly apply to the Board for a Licence to empty the same under such Restrictions and Regulations as they may direct, and empty the same accordingly.

13th No Waste Water shall be suffered to run upon the surface of the Streets from any House Building or Yard abutting on a Street in which there is a common Sewer, but the same shall be led therein by the owners of the Buildings.

14th Neither the Proprietors of the Mill Pond, their Agents, Tenants, any Person employed by or under them, or any other Person whomsoever, shall at any time after the 15th day of June, and until the first of October next following, in any Year draw off the Water of the said Pond in such Manner as to cause the surface on the Shoalest part to be dry, without a Licence therefor from the Board of Health. ——

15th No Feathers shall be Landed within the limits of the Town of Boston, before the same have been examined by the Person or Persons Authorized for that Purpose by the Board of Health, and a Certificate obtained from him, that in his opinion the Feathers are free from infection, and may be Landed without danger to the Health of the Inhabitants of the Town: nor shall any Hawker or Dealer in Feathers

expose for Sale in the Streets any Feathers before the same have been in like manner examined, and a similar Certificate Obtained.

16th. No Person shall throw into any Street, Lane or Alley within the Town any Dirt, Filth animal Substances, or Sweepings of any kinds, except on the Days the Scavengers of the Wards, pass through with their Carts, when they shall bring the same together with the Sweepings and Filth necessarily made in their Yards into the Street, before the hours of 9 o'Clock A. M. for the purpose of being carried away by the Scavenger, and any of the Inhabitants refusing or neglecting to collect and bring out their Dirt for the Purpose as aforesaid will be considered as violating the Rules & Regulations of the Board of Health; and in case any Scavenger neglects to carry away said Sweepings and Filth, it is required of the Inhabitants to whom such Neglect is made to enter on the same day a Complaints against such Scavenger to the Board of Health — Signed Paul Revere Esq Presidt

Attest. Jno. H. Tyson Secry.

Instructions to Commander at Castle Island

Voted, That the President be requested, to communicate Instructions to the Commanding Officer of the Castle directing from whence Vessels are to be detained for the Examination of the Physician, and that the following Places be named Viz Surrinam, Esquibo, Demara, all the West India Islands including the Continent of South America or Spanish Main, Canary & Cape de Verde Islands and Africa

Voted, That the President be requested to make a Communication to the Board of Select Men requesting

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their aide in carrying into Effect the Regulations of the Markets, which Letter was as follows Viz

Instructions to Select Men

Gentlemen Select Men
of the Town of Boston. —

The Board of Health having passed the Regulation hereunto subjoined, request of you that you would be pleased to give Directions to the Clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, and cause the same to be carried into Effect

I am Sir, with Great Respect
In Behalf of the Board
Signed — Paul Revere Prest.

The Committee appointed to draw a Line for draining the Mill Pond reported, Progress and Requested leave to sit again, which was granted —

Voted, That the Secy. be directed to make Application to Genl. Lincoln requesting he would not deceive Certificates from Packers of Beef and Pickled Fish, but agreeable to the late Laws.

The President having laid on the Table a Letter from William Thomson Esqr. declaring his Resignation as a Member of this Board which being Read was unanimously Accepted.

Voted, That Capt. Christr. Marshall & Capt. M. Lincoln, be a Committee to arrange, and prepare the necessary Articles for Visiting Bainsford Island on Thursday next.

Voted, That the President issue a Warrant directed to the Constable of Ward No. 2 for the purpose of calling the Wards together to choose a Member to represent said Ward at this Board in the room of Wm. Thomson Esqr.

The following Accounts being presented to

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Draft to Lovell & others.

The Board were severally, Examined & allowed for.— to James Lovell $375. Murdock & Tyler $106. & Benn. Tileston $10.33 making in the whole the Sum of Four hundred & Ninety One Dollars & thirty three Cents.

Letter to Pilots

Voted, That a Letter be sent by the Secretary to the several Pilots, Inclosing the Printed Copy of the new Law — to Thomas Knox Boman, Barnard Charles Cole, Robt. Knox, Benj.a Smith, Josiah Ayres & Nath.l B. Lyde. — — — — — — — — — —

Adjourned.

July 2.

At a Meeting of the Board of Health, held this Day at Rainsford Island, — Present, Paul Revere Esq. James Prince Esq. John Winslow Esq. Mr. Josiah Knapp Capt. M. Lincoln, Capt. Marshall, & Mr. Josiah Snelling

Committee to Gov.r & Council

Voted, That Paul Revere & John Winslow Esqrs. be a Committee to wait on the Governor & Council and to Request, that they would give Permission to make some Alteration in the Sick House, and for furnishing such further necessaries for the Accommodation of the Sick, as the Board of Health, by an Examination have found wanting —

Fees

The Fees of the Keeper of the Island for Smoaking was taken under Consideration, whereupon it was Voted, That he Receive a Sum not less than two, nor more than six Dollars, According to the Nature of the Business

Voted, That Mr. Thomas Dean be directed to Employ some suitable Person as a Nurse, and with the Advice of the Physician, to increase such Assistants from time to

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Voted, That the Pilots on Board the Brig Union now Performing Quarantine, on the Representation of the Visiting Physician, be Permitted to Return home, Provided he does not enter the Town of Boston within ten Days.

Adjourned.

July 3 At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — Present, Paul Revere Esqr. & James Prince Esqr Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Christr. Marshall, Genl. H. Lincoln & John Winslow Esqr.

Report of Committee from Gov. & Council

The Committee appointed at the last Meeting to wait on the Govr. & Council Respecting some alteration to be made at Rainsford Island for the Accommodation of the Sick, gave in the following Report viz

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Advised that the Quarter Master General be directed to cause some necessary alteration to be made at the Building on Rainsford Island for the better Accommodation of the Sick and to procure some Tents as shall be wanted, and to Furnish some necessary utensils for the Sick as the Physician aforesaid Island shall Judge Expedient.

Attest, Wm Avery

A true Copy Attest. Wm Avery Secy.

Council Chamber July 3 1799.

The Quarter Master General is directed to carry the above Advice of Council into immediate Execution.

Signed Moses Gill ——.

Voted, That all Vessels arriving from the Bahama Islands and Island of Bermuda perform Quarantine, under the usual Regulations.

Notice to Collector &c. Quarantine

Voted That directions be given to the Collector, respecting the places from whence Vessels arriving shall perform Quarantine, by transmitting the Vote, and Request him to Apprize the Board when Coasters enter with West India Produce, which Letter was as follows.

Sir, I am Directed by the Board of Health to Inclose you a Copy of their Regulations on the subject of Quarantine, and to request your Aid in carrying them into Effect, by not suffering Vessels to enter until they have complied with the same — I am directed to enclose you a Law of this Commonwealth, by the 18th Section of which you will perceive the Powers that are given to the Board to make the Regulations and Rules attended to. —

By Order Jno. H. Colcom Secy. —

Vessels entering out Ports.

Whereas it may happen that Vessels from the West India Islands and other ports subject to Quarantine by entering first into the out Ports might evade the Orders of the Board, and thereby endanger the Lives of the Inhabitants — To prevent the same it is now Voted That a Vessel having entered into an Out Port and sailing from thence to this shall not exempt her from Quarantine; but said Vessel, her Master, Officers, Crew & Passengers together with every Article on Board shall be visited by the Physician of this Board, and dealt with in the same manner as if she came direct from a Place subject to Quarantine.

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July 3. - A Letter from Sam[l] Bradford Esq. being read, importing his Resignation as a Member of this Board was Accepted —

Voted, That the Thanks of this Board be given to Samuel Bradford Esqr. for his past services —

Voted, That Mr. Ezekiel Thayer be Appointed an Inspector of Feathers for this Board.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish a Notification to the Inhabitants of Ward No. 6 for the purpose of a new Election of a Member for this Board. ...

Voted, That the Secretary directs Mr. Lovell to Employ his Carts 3 days in each Week in the several Wards, till further Orders.

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Head, Mr. Jos[h] Knapp & John Winslow Esq. be a Committee to make the necessary Inquiries respecting a Nuisance in South Street, and to Report at the next Meeting. —

Copy of a Letter to the Visiting Physician

Board of Health.

Letter to the Physician ...

Boston July 1 1799.

Sir,

I am directed by this Board to inform you, That at a Meeting on the 26th ultimo a Resolution was passed, directing the Visiting Physician to stop all Vessels for examination arriving from Surrinam Essequebo, Demarara, and all the West India Islands including the Continents of South America, and Spanish Main, Canary and Cape de Verde Islands & Africa — their Cargoes, and every Person on Board as well Passengers as Seamen, with their Cloaths and Bedding — And you are hereby authorized and empowered to

cause

July 3 cause such Vessels to perform Quarantine under such Restrictions, Regulations & Qualifications as this Board may deem expedient, and which may from time to time be communicated to you. —

July 6 .... At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day .... Present Paul Revere Esqr. Nath.l Balch Esq.r James Prince Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Knapp Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Christ.r Marshall, and Capt. M. Lincoln ....

Quarantine on all Vessels from Philadelphia

Information was communicated to the Board, that Letters had been Rec.d from some Public Characters in Philadelphia announcing that the Yellow Fever had appeared in that City — In Consequence it was thot Necessary to adopt the usual precautions — Therefore Voted, That all Vessels entering the Harbour of Boston from Philadelphia, or any Port within the Delaware, shall be subject to Quarantine, and that Notice thereof be sent to the Commanding Officer of Castle Island the Pilots, and to Dr. Welsh, which was immediately done ....

Invitation to Physicians

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to send an Invitation to the following Gentlemen Physicians in the Town of Boston, to attend at the Office on Monday next at Ten o'Clock A.M. for the purpose of consulting on the subject of Quarantine, the best modes of Purification, and the Means to prevent the spreading of Contagious disease. — Viz — Messr.s Danforth, Warren, Randle.n Dexter, East, Eustis, Jeffries, Jarvis, Lloyd, Bulfinch, Whipple, & Spooner, —

Adjourned. —

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July 8. At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — Present Paul Revere Nath[l] Balch James Prince & John Winslow Esqrs. M[r] Josiah Snelling, Capt Christ[r] Marshall Capt. Nicholas Lincoln M[r] Josiah Knapp, ... The Board having appointed this time for a Consultation with the Physicians the following Gentlemen appeared, viz — Doct[rs] Danforth, Bond, Dexter Warren, Shaw, Eustis & Jeffries, Jarvis, Lloyd, Bulfinch, Thomas Whipple — The Board having submitted to them a number of Questions in writing relative to the best method of guarding against and preventing the spread of Contageous Disease, retired to give them an opportunity to report their Answers in writing.

A Message was then sent to the Master, Mate and Passenger of the Schooner Harmony who had passed the Castle, and entered the inner Harbour of Boston, by giving False Answers at the Castle, contrary to Law & the Rules and Regulations of this Board — The parties having been examined seperately, it was proved to the satisfaction of the Board, that said Captain Lambert did answer at the Castle, that he arrived from Nantucket; when it appeared he arrived from St. Christophers, and consequently was subject to perform Quarantine — A Prosecution was accordingly directed against him — Adjourned.

Sch[r] Harmony
Capt. Lambert

July 10. At a Meeting of the Board held this Day Present Paul Revere Esq. James Prince Esq. Nath[l] Balch Esq Capt. Christopher Marshall Capt. N. Lincoln & Capt Samuel Gardner, —

The President having laid before the Board

July 10— The Return of the Warrent issued to the Inhabitants of Wards N°. 2. wherein it appeared they had made choice of Capt. Samuel Gardner, as their Representative to this Board — The same being read he was declared to be duly Elected, and he appeared and took his seat Accordingly —

New Election

Return N°. 2

Voted, That the President, be directed to make a new Arrangement in the Station of the Carts, so that they may pass daily through the several Wards.

On the application of Mr. Perez Bryant, praying leave of the Board to have the Mill Pond running in Order to accommodate him in opening a Drain in Cole Lane; without which he found it impracticable, whereupon it was Voted, That Mr. Bryant have Permission of this Board to drain the Mill Pond to morrow, provided he can obtain the Consent of the Proprietors thereof — Adjourned.

leave to P. Bryant

July 11 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day Specially called — Present Paul Revere Esq. James Prince Esq. Nath[l] Balch Esq. John Winslow Esq. Capt. Marshall Capt Lincoln, Mr. Ebr. Head, Mr. Josiah Knapp Mr. Ebr. Selling & Capt. Gardner

Letter to Physicians The President laid before the Board the following Copy of a Letter to the Principal Physicians of the Town of Boston, with their Answer subjoined —

To Messrs. Lloyd, Board, Danforth &c. —

Gentlemen —

The Board of Health, by a late Law of this Commonwealth, have great and extensive Powers entrusted to them, they wish therefore in the execution of them to conduct with prudence, yet with that Energy, that

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that in order Providence may carry into compleat execution the Intentions of the Legislature, and the Wishes of their Constituents — Convinced that the Gentlemen Physicians of the Town are best able to afford them light and advice, not only on the subject of Quarantine, and the best mode of Purifying Vessels, Cargoes, Merchandize, and other subjects likely to contain and spread Contagion; but on general Rules appertaining to the Duties of this Board — they leave taken the liberty to submit them, and ask their Opinion on the following Questions —

Question 1st. How long ought Vessels to perform Quarantine from the time they leave Port, where contageous Diseases prevail?

2. Suppose on the Passage of a Vessel from a contageous port one of the Crew should die, How long after such Death should the Vessel perform Quarantine? — Or suppose one of the Crew should be taken sick, and be sick on Arrival, how long after the Removal of such Person from the Vessel ought she to perform Quarantine?

3d. What difference ought to be made as to the time of performing Quarantine, between Vessels loaden with Sugar Rum and Molasses, and those loaded with Coffee & Cotton?

4th What method ought to be pursued with regard to houses where the Yellow Fever prevailed last Season in the Town to cleanse them? or is it necessary that any Steps should be pursued in this respect?

5th What method is the best to cleanse Persons, Cloaths, Bedding, Vessels & Merchandize, that are supposed to be infectious?

6th The Governor and Council having directed the Quarter Master General to supply Tents, and all other Necessaries at Brimstone Island which may be demanded by the Board of Health if by the Providence of God the Town should be visited with the Fever the approaching season, would it be necessary and proper to Remove Persons there, and if so, at What

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time; in what manner, and under what Restrictions as best calculated to prevent any infection, consistent with the comforts and ease of the Patient — And is in the opinion of the Physicians, that Tents would be amply sufficient to guard the sick against the colds or the inclemency of the Weather?

7th. What mode would be best for this Board to pursue in cases where Persons die within the limits of the town of the Yellow Fever, with respect to their Interment, their cloaths, Beds & Bedding, and in the Purifying of the Houses where they were sick or died? —

To which the said Physicians after three sittings — Returned the following Answer —

Answer 1st. That every Vessel coming from a Port where a contageous Fever Prevails, should be detained at Bainsford Island, at least 3 Days, which should be employed in cleansing the people, their Bedding & cloathing, washing the Cabin, and Ventilating the Vessel — But she ought to be 25 Days from the Infectious port, before she should be suffered to come up to town.

2. No Vessel coming from such a Port should be admitted to come up to Town, if one of the Crew had Died during the Passage 'till 25 Days from the Death, or Recovery of the Person by washing and cleansing Persons, cloaths, Bedding, and Ventilating the Vessel, by stacking lime or diffusing the Vapours of Nitre by Pit of Vitriol through the Hole of the ship.

3. Rum, Sugar, Molasses, not being susceptible of generating the cause of Fever or retaining Infection, may be admitted after burning the preceding directions. — But Cotton, Woolens, Silks, Hair & Feathers

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should be exposed to the Fresh Air three Days while the Ves=
sel and Crew are cleansing — But the Physician of the
Board of Health should have discretionary Power to
extend the number of Days according to Circumstances

4th Methods have been found so efficacious in
destroying infection as washing the Persons Cloaths Bed=
ding and exposing them to Fresh Air — Whitewashing
the apartments where the sick are confined opening the
Hatchways, Lumberports, Cabbin Windows & Doors; by
diffusing the Vapor of Nitre by Oil of Vitriol, or slack=
ing Lime in the Cabbin, and Hold of the Ships —

(5th) It may be a serious misfortune to Sailors
to lose their Cloaths Bedding &c. they may easily be
cleansed by burning them three days in the Earth
while at the Island: but where they are of small Va=
lue by destroying Beds Bedding and Cloathing by fire

6th. The same directions will apply generally to Houses
Ships &c where any Cases of Infection are supposed to
exist —

6 In Order to separate the sick from the healthy
and from each other Tents 16 feet square with a Wall
or Curtains six feet high, covered with a Fly and with
Floors of Deals are very convenient temporary apartments
and may be cheaply made by Boarding the Floor and
sides and throwing a Canvas over the top to shed Rain
the more Airy the better — Less danger arises from Night
Air & Rain than from confined Air —

(7th) The House at Ramsgate Island should be re=
served for a Convalescent House, and no sick admitted
there. —

8th In heavy Rains or severe Storms the sick may be
moved into the Barracks & Barn 12 or 24 hours and taken
out again upon the Return of a serene Sky —

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July 11. And in order that proper measures may on the Return of the Epidemic in the Town of Boston, be immediately taken for the purpose of preventing its communication, and avoiding unnecessary alarm it Should be considered as the Duty of the attending Physician in such case to give the first information thereof to the Board of Health. —

7th ( ) The Corps should be wrapped in tarred Sheets, and buried as soon as decency will admit in the night, and in deep graves. —

Signed James Lloyd
Chairman —

The foregoing being read, a motion was made to appoint a Committee to take it under consideration, to draft Regulations and to report at Six o'Clock P.M. this Day — The following Members were appointed —

Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. & John Winslow Esqr. —

Adjourned to Six o'Clock, P.M.

The Board having met at Six o'Clock P.M The Committee presented the following Drafts. viz. —

Article 1st. All Vessels coming from the West Indies and other places where a Quarantine has been or may be directed by this Board, shall be brought to and continue at Anchor near Rainsford Island for the space of three Days at least during which time the Keeper of said Island shall see that the Person, Cloaths, Beds and Bedding of the said Vessel are purified by washing and cleaning such Persons, their Cloaths, Beds and Bedding, and also in Ventilating the Vessel by Slacking Lime diffusing the Vapour of Nitre by Oil of Vitriol through the Hold of the Ship, and such other methods as the Visiting Physician of this Board may direct,

Two Regulations to be visiting Physician July 11th

2. Immediately on any Vessel Anchoring at Rainsford

Island, Notice shall be sent by the Visiting Physician to the Board, and a Statement made of the particular circumstances attending the same, and in case on such Representation, it shall appear, that any Person has died or been sick on Board the said Vessel, or that she has arrived from an infectious port, the weekly Committee shall direct such Vessel to perform under the direction of the Visiting Physician, a Quarantine of 25 Days from the time of Death or Sickness, or her sailing from the Port.

Whenever it shall appear necessary to the Visiting Physician, that any part of her Cargo should be landed at Rainsford Island from a Vessel performing Quarantine he shall give Notice of such necessity to the Weekly Committee who shall thereupon apply to the Collector of this port for permission to land the same on said Island under such Restrictions and Regulations as he may think proper to direct.

In case any Person should be visited with the Yellow Fever within the Town of Boston, on a Report being made thereof, to the Board or their Weekly Committee they shall advise to the Patients being removed to Rainsford Island, and as an inducement, for them to consent to such removal they shall be taken care of at the Expence of the Town, if Required by the Patients or his Friends at his Request.

5th The Visiting Physician shall give to the Keeper of the Island all necessary Instructions respecting the purifying and Ventilating of Vessels, and on the same being complied with by the Respective Masters & Crews & the time of their performing Quarantine as directed by the Board being expired, the Physician shall give Permission for their entering above the Castle, and coming to the Town in the manner and form hitherto practised —

6th. The Fees of the Visiting Physician for the public visit on Board shall be Eight Dollars for each Vessel to be paid by the Master or Owner, — No part of the present Regulations is to counteract the general Arrangements and Directions hitherto given the Visiting Physician respecting Quarantine, except they expressly militate therewith —

7th Whereas the public mind may be frequently agitated by vague and uncertain Reports of the prevalence of the Fever within the Town — In Order to correct the same, and to preserve and ensure confidence and tranquility it is Requested of the several Physicians practising in the Town, that whenever any of them should have cause to suspect any of their Patients to be visited with said Disorder, the attending Physician make a Report in writing of such case to this Board or their Weekly Committee, who will Request the attendance of two Physicians to visit such Patient, at a time to be fixed on in company with the Physicians making said Report, and that the Three Physicians Return in writing their opinion of the real situation of the Patient to the Board, in order that such measures may be adopted, as the public safety may Require."

Request to Physicians

The Committee also Reported the following Copy of a Letter to be sent to the Physicians, which was read, accepted and passed Unanimously Viz.

Letter to Physicians

Sir, I am directed by the Board of Health to Enclose you the following Vote (see foregoing paragraph) passed this Day by them, which Vote has been in consequence of a Report from the Physicians of the Town — and as they think that a compliance with the same will add to the ease and tranquility of the public mind by remov-

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ing vague and uncertain Stories that might otherwise be propagated by the Prevalence of the Fever amongst us. They request your Compliance therewith

You will permit me in the name of the Board of Health to avail of this Opportunity to express to You their warmest Acknowledgments for the Attention & Advice you have so chearfully afforded them, and by which they have been able to make their arrangements on the subject of Quarantine with more Facility & Satisfaction.

I am in Behalf of the Board
of Health, Sir
Your most obt. Servt.
P. Wharton Secy.

The following Vote was also Passed — Viz —

Philadelphia Quarantine

Voted, That whenever Vessels arrive from Philadelphia they shall be subject to Quarantine as Vessels from the West Indies and agreable to the first Article, if no Death or Sickness on Board, said Vessel may be permitted to come up to Town after Three Days; but in case of Death or Sickness, to be under the same Regulations as those from infected Ports, unless the visiting Physician is satisfied such Death or Sickness was not of a malignant Nature.

The President having made a new Arrangement in the Rotine of Scavengers, agreable to Vote at the last Meeting, the Carts are to pass through the several Wards as follows.

Scavenger	N°. 1	through Ward	N°. 1	Scavenger N°. 1	through Ward N°. 2
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On Monday Wednesday & Friday — On Tuesday Thursday & Saturday

Voted, That John Winslow Esqr & Capt Christopher Marshall be a Committee to wait on Doct. Cobb Esqr. to enquire into the situation of a Ship which is reported to have communicated Infection, and take the necessary measures to have her immediately cleansed —

Adjourned —

July 18. — At a Meeting of the Board of Health, held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Nath.l Balch Esq. James Prince Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Mr. Joseph Stead, & Mr. Josiah Knapp & Capt. Marshall

New Election Return No.6

The President having laid on the Table a Return of the Warrant issued to the Inhabitants of Ward No.6 — Wherein it appeared, they had made choice of Capt. Benjamin Sumner, as their Representative to this Board, in the Room of Samuel Bradford Esq. who has resigned — He appeared and took his seat Accordingly —

Voted, That the President be requested to write to the Select Men of Newbury Port, respecting the prevailing Reports of sickness in that Town, — Of which the following is a Copy. —

To the Selectmen of the Town of
Newbury Port, & Newbury —

Letter to Select Men Newbury Port

Gentlemen,

A Report having prevailed here, that a malignant, pestilential Fever, prevails in your Town, the Board of Health have considered it their Duty to write, and to request of you an exact information on the subject, in Order that such measures may be adopted by us, as the safety of this Town may Require —

I am &c.
Signed Paul Revere President

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Committee Correspondence

Voted, That Mr. Joseph Head, Capt. James Prince and Peter Revere Esqr. be a Committee to correspond Occasionally, with the several Boards of Health in the United States —

A difference in opinion relative to the construction of that part of the Regulation in relation of Fish, having arisen in the minds of some of the Members — Thereupon Voted, That the same Regulation be Observed Respecting Mackerell as other large Fish —

Adjourned. —

July 22.

At a Special Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present, Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. H. Lincoln Capt. C. Marshall, James Prince Esq. John Winslow Esq. Capt. Benj.ª Lummus & Capt. Lem.l Jarvis. —

The President being Absent Mr. Snelling took the Chair. A Communication having been made from the Select Men of Newbury Port, in answer to a Letter from this Board of the 18th inst. /See File/ — Whereupon

Quarantine Newbury Port

Voted, That all Vessels from Newbury Port entering the Harbour of Boston shall perform Quarantine at Rainsford Island for the space of Five Days for the purpose of purification; and in case the s.d Vessels are furnished with Certificates from the Health Committee of Newbury Port that their Cargoes are free from Infection, their Crews have not had communication with any part of the Town where sickness prevails, or that they have not been at any Island in the West Indies for Thirty Days before their Departure from Newbury Port; and at the expiration of 5 Days from Arrival the Vessel having undergone /Purification/ the Crew, Passengers, and others on Board are in good health and the Visiting Physician is of Opinion, the Cargo, and those on Board are free from Infection, he may then permit her to come up to Town —

July 22 — Voted, That the Secretary be directed to send a copy of the preceding Vote to the Commanding Officer of Castle Island, and to the Health Committee of Newbury Port, and that they be requested to give Publicity to the same in the manner they may Judge most convenient —

Physicians Meeting

This Day the Physicians met at One o'Clock for the purpose of Reconsidering their Report of the Eleventh Inst, which Report was laid on the Table — It having appeared, that an Alteration had taken place in their Opinion on the First Question, proposed to them by the Board, respecting the time of Quarantine from an Infected Port, they have now gave it, as their Opinion, that every such Vessel should remain at Rainsford Island, Five Days, for the purpose of Purification — A further Consideration of this Report was on a Motion postponed until Wednesday next —.

Adjourned.

July 24

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day, were present Paul Revere Esq. Nath.l Balch Esq. John Winslow Esq. Capt. Christ.r Marshall Mr. Josiah Knapp. Mr. Joseph Head. Mr. Josiah Snelling, and Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Capt. Samuel Gardner, and Capt. Benj.a Sumner. —

Case Capt. Callahan

Capt. Callahan appeared at the Board for the purpose of stating some Circumstances in mitigation of an Offence against the Regulations of this Board, and for which he had been Prosecuted, and the Case defaulted — The Board having considered his Case appointed Capt. Benjamin Sumner a Committee, to request Justice Dawson, to grant a new Trial, if he thought it proper —

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July 24 — The Committee of the Week laid before the Board a Letter from the Board of Health in the City of Philadelphia, respecting the Quarantine on Vessels from that place, in which they have declared, that that City is, and has been free from sickness the present Year, and an Assurance that in case of such an event they will publicly avow it — The Secretary also laid before the Board a Copy of the Answer forwarded by the Committee of Correspondence, whereupon the following Vote was passed — and Ordered to be Published — Voted, That Official Information having been Rec'd by us from the Board of Health for the City of Philadelphia, that that City is, and has been free from Sickness the present Year, and an Assurance that in case of such an Event, they will "Publicly avow it" — Notice is hereby Given, that the Quarantine on Vessels arriving to this Port from Philadelphia, and the Delaware is taken off. —

Quarantine Philadelphia & Delaware taken off —

Reports having been made to some Members of the Board, that Boats had been seen to pass to and from Vessels performing Quarantine at Rainsford Island, contrary to the express Regulations of this Board, whereupon Mr. Josiah Snelling & Capt. Mitchell Lincoln were appointed a Committee to make the necessary Enquiries, in order that such Persons may be dealt with as the Law Requires

Information from Rainsford Island

Adjourned

July 31. — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day, — Present, Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Mr. Josiah Knapp, Nathl. Balch Esqr. Capt. C. Marshall, John Winslow Esqr. Capt. M. Lincoln & Capt. Benj. Seamans — The President having retired Nathl. Balch Esqr. took the Chair — The following Complaint against Dr. Welsh, was laid on the Table. Viz. That Dr. Welsh has neglected his Duty in several instances, particularly in

his not immediately going on Board Vessels on their arrival from Contageous Coasts — Also taking greater Fees for visiting Vessels, than is allowed from this Board — Also neglecting to give proper attendance on Samuel Cooper, while confined by Sickness on Rainsford Island. Whereupon it was Voted, That the Secy. Furnish Dr. Welch immediately with a Copy of the foregoing Complaints and Request his Attendance at the Board, To-Morrow Morning at ten o'Clock, and that the Messenger Notify the several Captains of Vessels lately from Rainsford Island to Appear at the same time & place. ——

Deaths. The following Accompts were presented by the Secy. passed and allowed Viz. — To James L. Lovell $405 To William Phillips $92..50 — To Messrs. Young & Minns $48..75 — To Messrs. Thayer & Chapman $40. To Jno. W. Tappan $87..98. making in the whole sum $674..23. The Deaths on the Town Treasurii amounted to $586. 25. ——

Committee Voted, That Mr. Josiah Knapp, and the Secretary be a Committee to make the necessary Inquiries of Mr. Lovell relative to a deficiency in Returns not being made from sundry individuals, who were chargable for the transportation of Diet. —

Committee Voted, That Mr. Josiah Snelling and James Prince Esq. be a Committee to provide suitable Places for emptying the Contents of Necessaries many of the Privileges hitherto granted the Board, being taken away.

Adjourned. ——

August 1st At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present, Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince, John Winslow, and Nath.l Balch Esqrs. Mr. Josiah Knapp, Capt. N. Lincoln Capt. Benj.a Sumner, and Capt. Samuel Gardner ——

Capt. Hampton of the Schooner Minerva, appeared, and was examined, touching the Conduct of Dr. Welch in his Official

capacity — Dr. Welsh having presented the Board in writing, through the hands of the Secy, his Reasons for being absent, and that important Business Required his attendance at the Castle, a further Enquiry was postponed 'till To-Morrow afternoon at 5 o'Clock, P.M.

Communication from Dr. Welsh.

Voted, That Paul Revere, Esqr. James Prince Esqr. and Capt. Marshall, be a Committee, to draft some additional Instructions, relative to Vessels Performing Quarantine, so that the same may be carried more effectually into Execution. —

Committee

Voted, That the same Committee be Requested to draft an Advertisement, to be immediately published Offering a Reward of Twenty Dollars, to such Person or Persons who shall inform of any Violation of the Regulations of this Board, respecting a Breach of Quarantine, on Conviction of the Offence.

Advertisement

Adjourned 'till 5 O'Clock To-Morrow P.M.

August 2d

At a Meeting of the Board held This Day.

Present. Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Capt. M. Lincoln, Capt. C. Marshall, Capt. L. Gardner, Mr. Joseph Head, Capt. Benj.a Sumner ...

Capt. Gove, and Mr. Smith appeared, and were severally examined touching the Conduct of Dr. Welsh, who was also present — A very general enquiry having been made Respecting the Charge exhibited against Dr. Welsh, to every part of which he Replied, and it appeared to be satisfactory to the Board, except in that part of the Charge respecting the Fees — This however appeared to arise from misconstruing his Instructions, which was considered as such by the Board. —

The Fees in future are fixed in the following manner, viz — For visiting a Vessel at Rawsons Island, the visiting Physician is to receive Eight Dollars — One Dollar is allowed for the Boat when only one Vessel is at the Island to be visited but when more than one, and less than Five such Dollar shall be Equally Apportioned.

Committee on Quarantine

The Committee appointed to draft some additional Instructions relative to Quarantine gave in a Report which was Read, and that part of it adopted, so far as it respects the providing a Guard Boat.

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. and John Winslow Esq be a Committee to carry the same into immediate execution — The Remainder of the Report was postponed 'till Wednesday next.

Instructions to Mr. Spear

Voted. That Instructions be given to Mr. Spear not to suffer any of the Officers or Crew of the Ship Mercury to go on shore at Rainsford Island, at any other place than that which is ordered for the sick, and the same line is to be observed, that the Board of Health pointed out, when at the Island — The same Order is to Extend to all Vessels coming from the ~~Havannah~~, St. Thomas's or any other place which the Board shall deem to be Actually Infected.

Voted, That Capt. C. Marshall be a Committee to visit Rainsford Island to assist in the execution of Laws relative to Quarantine. —

August 7

At a Meeting of the Board of Health, held this Day — Present Paul Revere, James Prince, and John Winslow Esqrs. Mr. Joseph Head, Mr. Josiah Knapp, Capt. M. Lincoln, Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Samuel Gardner, and Capt. Benj.a Sumner. —

Case of Lambert.

The President laid on the Table, a Letter from Capt. John Lambert, against whom a Prosecution by this Board was now pending, praying Relief — The same was accordingly read, and some Debate took place on the subject, but on a Motion subsided —

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Voted, That the Weekly Committee be Requested to make the necessary Enquiries respecting Vessels Lately arrived from Newbury Port, and Whether the Quarantine Law has been complied with, Particularly Respecting Capt. Perkins —

Newbury Quarantine taken off

Voted, That the Secretary give Notice to the Commanding Officer at Fort Independence on Castle Island, that the Quarantine on all Vessels arriving from Newbury Port is taken off and that they may now be Permitted to come up to town with Safety —

Committee

Voted, That Paul Revere Esq. Mr. Josiah Snelling and Capt. Lemuel Gardner, be a Committee to Ascertain the Expence in Building a convenient place near to Charles River Bridge, for the Purpose of conveying into the Channel the Contents of Necessaries, when Licences shall be given to proper Persons for carrying away the same

Committee

Voted, That the beforementioned Committee be Requested to enquire, by what means, and by whom the Dirt, belonging to the Board, and deposited near Charles River Bridge was carried away.

Committee

Voted, That Nathaniel Balch Esq. Mr. Josiah Knapp, and John Winslow Esq be a Committee for the purpose of Ascertaining the Expence for Digging or Preparing a suitable Place at the Bottom of the Common, for the Purposes abovementioned.

Adjourned. —

August 14.

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esq. James Prince Esq. John Winslow Esq. Mr. Josiah Knapp Capt. Th. Lincoln, Capt. Leml. Gardner, Nath. Balch Esq. and Capt. Benjamin Sumner. —

A Petition of Thomas Arnold, one of the concerned in

a Quantity of Fish sometime since Condemned by the Arnolds Petition Board, was Read, whereupon it was Voted, That Thomas Arnold have Leave to withdraw his Petition

The Committee appointed to Ascertain the Expence in Building a Convenient Place near to Charles River Committee Bridge, for the purpose of conveying into the Channel the Contents of Necessaries, Reported a Plan which in their Opinion would amounts to near Four hundred Dollars, a further consideration of which was Postponed to Wednesday next.

Application having been made by Mr. Pomroy for Answer to Pomroy an exclusive Priviledge to take the Dirt from Milk Street Kilby Street &c. — On a Motion, Voted, That James Prince Esq. be a Committee to inform Mr. Pomroy, That no exclusive Priviledge could be given him, but that he have Permission from this Board in common with others to take up the Dirt wherever, and as often as he may think proper.

The Remainder of the Instructions, respecting further Regulations on the Quarantine were taken up, Read, and unanimously accepted as follows viz. —

Instructions to Thomas Spear August 14.

To Capt. Thomas Spear
Keeper of Rainsford Island

Sir,

You are hereby directed by the Board of Health in addition to the Instructions heretofore given you.

When ever any Vessel shall stand into the Island to Anchor for the Purpose of Performing Quarantine, to either go along side yourself or send a suitable Person, and cause the Vessel to be anchored as near the Island as the Pilot on Board shall judge to be safe — You will take down in writing the name of the Vessel, Master, Number of the Crew, where from Length of Passage owner name, and enquire if any Sickness, or if any Person has Died on Board, and transmit the same to the Visiting Physician.

If the Vessel arrives in the morning, and has had 22 Days

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passage, you will on the same Day, and if she arrives in the Afternoon you will the next morning begin to purify her with Nitre & Vinegar agreeably to the former Instructions. On the succeeding Day you will slack a Bushell of Lime in the Hold, and the third Day, order and see that the Vessel is washed in every Part that will admit thereof, and also when with safety it can be done request the Master to take out the Lumber Port, open the Cabin Windows, and have the Hatches open, and make use of all the means in his Power to cause a free Circulation of Air to pass through the Vessel — You will be particularly attentive that each of the three Days every Person on Board washes his Person with Water, and his Hair with Vinegar — All Cloaths, Beds & Bedding must be washed without Regard to any of them being then clean, and the contents of the Beds should when of little or no Value be thrown away or Burnt, as no Beds or Bedding must be permitted to come up to Town, where there has been any Sickness or Death on Board without having been Buried in the Earth on the Island for such length of time as the Visiting Physician may direct.

You are not to suffer any Boat to pass within the Buoys of any Vessel while performing Quarantine much less to take from any Person on Board, or even from the Boat of such Vessel, any Letter, Packet or other Thing, but to direct that nothing shall pass out of a Vessel, except by your Knowledge and consent, and in the Island Boat — It being of consequence to the Merchants that the Letters should arrive to them as soon as the Public Safety will admit — you will take all the Letters from the Masters that they bring, and which they are willing to deliver and cause them to be smoaked and cleaned immediately, and send them by the first Boat to town, with Orders to have them put in the Post Office.

You are not to suffer any Person from Vessels arriving from the Havannah St. Thomas's or any other Port in the West Indies deemed by the Physician very infectious to come on the Main Island nor any Person from any other Port to pass over the other side of the Lines towards the sick House, and

August 14. — in case they will not comply you will forcibly detain them agreable to the Law.

No Person from Town or elsewhere is to Land on Bainsford Island without your Permission first had; and in Case after you make them acquainted with this Order they should persist, you must detain them until the Order of the Board.

You will with great exactness carry into execution all the directions you may occasionally Receive from the Visiting Physician, both as respects the particular Mode of purifying Vessels as of other matters that lies within his particular Province.

Instruction to Capt. Marshall

To Capt. Christr. Marshall

Sir,

You are hereby appointed a Committee in Behalf of the Board of Stealth, to Repair to Bainsford Island for the Purpose of carrying into execution our Rules and Regulations respecting Vessels Performing Quarantine; it being of great importance that there should be the most exact discipline preserved, and no improper communication with any Vessel there either by the Inhabitants, or even the Crews of different Vessels. You will bend your attention to this important object. It is impossible to define the Duties, that may be necessary for you, as they will vary by Circumstances - We can only Observe as a general Rule, that you keep the Great Boat of the Island either at Anchor without the Shipping, or else plying off and on across the Bay, for the purpose of watching the conduct of the Crews of Vessels performing Quarantine, and whenever you discover any thing that is improper to cause it to be Rectified.

You will see that all Vessels are anchored in suitable places near the Island, and give the necessary Instructions on this head, and you will attend that the Directions of this Board to Masters respecting the Fumigation of Vessels and the conduct of the Crew while on the Island are complied with in their fullest

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extent. And you will afford to Mr Spear, and Dr Welsh every Advice and assistance in your Power, as harmony among all the Branches of the Board must be productive of great advantage — Should it be necessary that the great Boat should at any time come up to town, you will make use of the small one in her stead.

You will make occasional Reports to the Board

To Dr Thomas Welsh
Visiting Physician to the Board of Health. —

Sir,

In Addition to the Instructions heretofore given you, the Board of Health have thought proper to add. —

Instructions to Dr. Welsh —

That the Masters, Passengers and Crews of the different Vessels performing Quarantine are forbid on any pretence whatever to visit on Board each other Vessel, nor shall they or any of them come on shore at Rainsford Island, except at such times, and under such Restrictions as the Visiting Physician or committee of this Board, may from time to time direct — And the Masters, Passengers and Crews of Vessels from the Havannah, St. Thomas's or Ports where the Yellow Fever prevails, and in the opinion of the Visiting Physician, very infectious are forbid to pass over the lines laid out by this Board to the Main Island, but they shall only land on that Head, on which is erected the Building commonly called the sick House, and in case they or either of them disobey this order they will be liable to a Prosecution — And all Persons performing Quarantine from other Ports, who shall pass over from the Main Island the Line towards the Sick House shall be considered as contaminated, and held to remain in the sick part of the Island agreeably to the Laws.

Whenever there are three Vessels performing Quarantine or any Person sick at Rainsford Island, there shall be a Daily Visit of the Physician at the Island, Winds & weather permitting, in order that he may give such direction and afford that advice, which circumstances may require —

The Board of Stealth, request the Visiting Physician to afford all the Council, and assistance in his Power to Mr Shear, the Keeper of the Island, that the Vessels may be properly and effectually purified, and he is hereby Authorized and empowered, to give and make every direction necessary without waiting for particular instructions from the Board

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August 21 At a Meeting of the Board of Stealth held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Nathl Bales Esqr. James Prince Esqr & John Winslow Esqr Mr. Joseph Head Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt Benj. Gardner, Capt B. Sumner & Capt M. Lincoln. —

On application of Mr Pebble to permit the Schooner Hero to proceed to Kennybeck, from Rainsford Island, the time of her Quarantine having not yet expired, whereupon it was Voted, That the Master of said Schooner, have permission to proceed immediately to Kennybeck, provided the Visiting Physician, is satisfied that she is properly cleansed, and will not previously return to Town.

Permission to Schr Hero to proceed to Kennybeck

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, and Capt. Samuel Gardner, be a Committee to make Further enquiries of Mr. Goodwin, relative to a contract for the use of part of his Wharf, for the purpose of emptying the Contents of Necessaries. —

Committee re Goodwin's Wharf

Voted, That Mr. Josiah Snelling be a Committee for disposing of the Dirt & Filth deposited on the North or South side Copps Hill, and for taking measures to prevent the same being stolen and carried away —

Committee

Adjourned. —

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Augt. 28. — At a Meeting of the Board held this Day Present... Paul Revere Esq. James Prince Esq. Capt. Mc Lenedon, Mr. Josiah Snelling, Mr. Josiah Knapp and Capt. Benjamin Sumner —

Quarantine on Vessels from Philadelpa.

Voted, That all Vessels arriving within the harbour of Boston, from Philadelphia, or any port in the Delaware, perform a Quarantine at Braintree Island, under the Restrictions and Regulations subject to other Vessels arriving from the West-Indies and elsewhere and that the Secretary be directed, to give Notice immediately to the Commanding Officer at Fort Independence on Castle Island, and to the Visiting Physician —

The Board having received a Communication from the Board of Health in the City of Philadelphia, the same was Read, and ordered to be immediately published for the Information of the Inhabitants —

Accounts Passed.

The following Accounts were presented by the Secretary, by which there appeared to be due to Pliney Hartshorne One hundred and fifty Dollars To Wm Bartell Twenty Six Dollars fifty Cents. To John H. Watson One hundred thirty seven Dollars and fifty Cents — To James S. Lovell Four hundred and five Dollars, making in the whole the sum of Seven hundred and Nineteen Dollars — The three former Bills were passed to be allowed, but the latter was suspended — Whereupon it was Voted, That the President be requested to inform Mr. Lovell the Reasons for such Suspension, and that he be enjoined to remedy a Complaint lately made by two Members of the Board against the Scavenger for Ward No. Five & Six. —

Adjourned. —

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At a Special Meeting of the Board held this Day Present, Paul Revere Esq. & James Pierce Esq. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Mr. Joseph Head John Winslow Esq. Mr. Josiah Snelling and Capt. Benjamin Seamen ——

New York Quarantine

Voted, That all Vessels arriving within the Harbour of Boston, from New York, perform a Quarantine at Rainsford Island, under the same Restrictions & Regulations, as those from the West-Indies, and Elsewhere — And that the Secretary be directed immediately to transmit a Copy of this Vote, to the Commanding Officer at Fort-Independence on Castle Island and to the Visiting Physician of this Board.

Lowell's Acc't passed

The President having informed the Board, that he had complied with their Requisition, at the Meeting of Wednesday last, and that the Reasons given by Mr. Lowell were so far satisfactory, in his Opinion, as to Justify the passing his Account — Thereupon Voted, That the Account presented by Mr. James Lowell at the last Meeting, amounting to Four hundred & Five Dollars, be passed and allowed, and that the Secretary be directed, to place the amount on the last Draft on the Town Treasurer.

Committee to prosecute Taylor

Voted, That John Winslow & James Pierce Esqrs. and Mr. John H. Ellson, be a Committee, to collect the necessary Evidence and to attend the Prosecution of William Taylor, for refusing to Discharge the Bill of Costs costing Cowell and Burroughs a Nuisance on Land belonging to him or under his Direction at West Boston.

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The Committee of Correspondence having been requested to make Communication to the Board of Health in New York, respecting the Proceedings of that Board in laying Quarantine on Vessels from thatt Port. Reported the following.

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Gentlemen,

The Board of Health for the Town of Boston having received various Accounts of the Yellow Fever in your City which have been corroborated by Official Documents in your Papers, Judge it expedient and they accordingly have directed Quarantine on all Vessels coming at this Place from that City.

While a Regard to the Public safety hath induced them to this measure, they wish that this embarrassment on Trade may be continued longer than may be absolutely necessary. The Board therefore request, you would give them occasional information respecting the State of that Disorder, in order that the Quarantine may be taken off as soon as Prudence will permit.

While we sincerely commiserate with you on the unhappy situation of your City we think it our duty to assure you, that a Regard to the Health of the Inhabitants of this Town which at present is equal to our wishes, is the only Reason that has induced us to lay the present Restriction. —

Signed Paul Revere President

Adjourned. —

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September 4.—

At a Meeting of the Board this Day — Present — Nath.l Balch Esq.r James Prince Esq.r Mr. Josiah Snelling Mr. Joseph Stead John Winslow Esq.r & Capt. Samuel Gardner —

The President being absent Nath.l Balch Esq.r took the Chair.

Mr. [illegible] appeared at the Board in behalf of the Schooner Nancy Seth Driggs Master from Philadelphia, riding Quarantine at Rainsford Island, in a Plea that said Schooner sailed from Philadelphia previous to the Sickness in that City, that there was not any Sickness on Board, nor had been, since she sailed from Boston — Some desultory conversation having passed, in which it was observed, That to release said Vessel, short of the Regulation for Quarantine would not only militate against one general Principle already adopted; but would have a direct tendency to involve the Board in unnecessary trouble — It was therefore on a motion, Voted, That any further proceedings on the Application of Mr. Bacon at present subside —

Mr. Bacons Application

An Application having been made by William Taylor, respecting the Quantity of Gravel carted on his Land at West Boston, by Order of the Board to Remove a Nuisance, stating that more Land had been covered with Gravel, and charged to him, than was supposed to belong to him or under his Direction, and prayed the Board that the Premises might be surveyed, and an abatement made — Whereupon Voted, That John Winslow & James Prince Esq.rs be a Committee to make the necessary Survey, and to Report

Adjourned —

Mr. Taylors Application

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Sept.r 11.

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day—
Present Nath.l Balch Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Joseph
Head James Prince Esq.r Mr. Josiah Snelling Mr. Josiah
Knapp, Capt. Benjamin Sumner. ....

The President being absent, Nath.l Balch Esqr. took the Chair, who immediately informed the Board, that he was requested to Report, in behalf of Dr. Warren, that a Young Lad by the name of Hayden, under his

Case of Hayden sick Man

Care, at the North part of the Town, was dangerously sick, and in his Opinion /Dr. Warren's/ his Disorder was the Yellow Fever, and that Measures ought to be immediately taken to secure the Public safety —

Whereupon it was Voted, That the Weekly Committee be requested to take particular cognizance of the present case, by Ordering all necessary means to cleanse the Dwelling House where the Patient may die, the Cloaths, Bedding &c. as in the case of Vessels, taking care that no unnecessary alarm may be given —

Adjourned. —

Sept.r 18.

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day
Present Paul Revere Esq.r James Prince Esq.r John Winslow Esq.r Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. N. Lincoln Capt. Benj.a Sumner

A Letter from the Committee of the Board at Rainsford Island was read the Purport of which was to inform of the absconding of a Man by the name of Lawson from on Board the Sloop Victory now riding Quarantine — Whereupon it was Voted to Publish an Advertisement immediately Offering a Reward of Twenty Dollars to any Person who should give

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Information, so that the said Lawson may be held to answer for his said Violation of the Regulations of this Board to be paid on Conviction.

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September 18. Mr. James Green appeared at the Board with an Account Lately presented to the Selectmen of Providence for Dirt carted at the Dock Lately filled up amounting to Fifty four Dollars Eighty One Cents, part of which Mr. Green urged ought to be abated, as his Return from a Person employed to Receive it, Fell short about one Quarter part.— The Board therefore directed the Secretary to make a Reasonable Allowance.—

Allowance on Mr. Greens Acc.

Adjourned ——

Sept. 25. At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day.— Present Paul Allen Esq. John Winslow Esq. Mr. Josiah Snelling James Prince Esq. Capt. Nicholas Brown and Capt. Benj. Summers.

Voted, That Paul Allen Esq. James Prince Esq. and John Winslow Esq. be a Committee, and Invested with full Powers, to adopt Measures by making agreements with any Person or Persons for superintending and carrying away the Contents of Receivers, and building suitable places, so that the Buildings should be carried into complete Operation.—

Committee

Voted, That James Prince Esq. and Capt. Benj. Summers be a Committee to draught a Report respecting the Quarantine Law, and to adopt such further Regulations, as exigencies may Require.

Committee

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to inform Capt. Christopher Marshall the Committee of the Board at Rhode Island, that in the Opinion of the Board his personal Attendance at Rhode Island, will not be necessary after the first Day of October next.—

Capt. Marshall

The following Accounts were presented by the Secretary, Viz. and Allowed — To [illegible] Three hundred and Seventy-five Dollars — To William [illegible] Ninety two Dollars fifty Cents —

Accounts allowed

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To Samuel Cox Sixty Dollars. To Benj.ª Russell Sixty six Dollars making in the whole the sum three hundred and fifty three Dollars fifty Cents. —

Adjourned

October 2.

At a meeting of the Board held this Day — Present. Mr. Josiah Snelling, James Prince Esqr. Jnº. Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Knapp, Capt. Christopher Marshall, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln & Capt. Benjamin Sumner — The President being absent Mr. Josiah Snelling took the Chair. —

The Committee appointed to make the necessary Arrangements respecting a new Regulation for emptying Privies gave in the following Report Viz. —

The Season having arrived when the emptying of the Contents of Privies will be the least Offensive to the Inhabitants — Voted, That it be earnestly recommended to, and Required of the Inhabitants immediately to Empty all Privies whose Contents are within Eighteen Inches of the surface

Regulation for emptying Privies

— Voted, That no Privie within the Town shall be emptied from and after the Publication of this Order except by a Person or Persons Licensed therefor by this Board; and every Inhabitant intending to open and cleanse a Privie shall also apply to them for a Licence therefor to empty the same under such Restrictions and Regulations as they — from time to time may direct. And Notice is hereby Given to the Inhabitants, That suitable Carts for the Purpose of transporting the Contents of Privies to the Places Assigned therefor, have been Purchased by this Board at the Expence of the Town — And it is Voted, That no others shall be permitted to be used by the Inhabitants for that Purpose; but such of them as wish to use their own, have Liberty so to do, provided they cause them to be immediately carried out of Town or thrown into the Channel unopened. —

The foregoing having been passed unanimously, Voted, that the same Committee be appointed to carry the same into Effect. —

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Octr. 2 — The Committee appointed to draft a Report Respecting an alteration in the Quarantine Law gave in the following Reports. viz —

Voted, That the Quarantine on Vessels arriving from the West Indies and other Ports in those Seas, be so far taken off, as that the respective Masters have Liberty to proceed up the Harbour as far as Fort Independence on Castle Island where they are hereby directed to anchor each Vessel until she has passed an Examination by the Visiting Physician of the Board, and in case on such examination it shall appear to the said Visiting Physician, that the Vessel and those on Board may come up and anchor off the Town, without endangering the Health of the Inhabitants, said Vessel and those on Board may proceed to anchor in the Stream off Long Wharf; and the master of the Vessel shall directly attend at the Office of the Board with his Log Book in order to pass an examination before them on such matters as concern the Health of the Crew, and the purity of the Cargo on Board — and until this examination has been had, no Person except the Master shall land from, or leave the Vessel; nor shall any Person be permitted to go on Board; and in order that each Vessel so subject to Quarantine may be distinguished by the Inhabitants. — Voted, That the Master of every such Vessel shall hoist one of the Red Flaggs belonging to the Board at the head of his Main Mast as soon as the Visiting Physician goes on Board off the Castle and continue the same flying in the Day time until the said Vessel is cleared at the Health Office.

Quarantine taken off — in part —

Signed Paul Revere President

Attest, W. Tudor Secy.

The foregoing having been passed unanimously Voted, That the Secretary be directed to Publish both the above Reports for the Information of the Inhabitants as soon as may be. —

Octr 2d. Voted, That Office Hours for the Board of Stealth shall in future commence at ten A.M. to One and from three to five P.M. for the Meeting of the Weekly Committee —

Capt. Marshall informed the Board, that the term of their Engagement with Mr Pratt an Assistant at Pratt continued. - Rainsford Island, had nearly expired, and that in his Opinion he would be wanted at the Island a short time longer, Whereupon it was Voted, That Mr. Pratt, be continued in Service 'till the 12th instants — — — —

Adjourned. — — — —

October 9th. At a Meeting of the Board held this Day Present — Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow, Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Nathaniel Balch Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Benjamin Sumner and Capt. Ebenr. Marshall, and Capt. Lemuel Gardner —

Committee on Carts. The Secretary having made a Representation that the Carts provided by the Board for carrying off Human Excrement required some alteration and Repair, Whereupon Mr. Josiah Knapp, and John Winslow Esqr. were Appointed a Committee, to make an Inspection and to cause the same to be done. — — — —

The Committee for the Week having informed the Board, that they thought proper since the last Meeting of the Board, to give directions to the Commanding Officer of Castle Island to stop all Vessels which may arrive from Newbern and Washington in N. Carolina, and from Charlestown, in South Carolina, for the examination of the Visiting Physician — — — — The Board having approved of the measure, the following Resolution was passed — viz —

Voted, That all Vessels arriving, from Newbern

October, 9th. and Washington in North Carolina, & Charlestown South Carolina, perform Quarantine at Bairnsford Island, under the same Restrictions & Regulations as those arriving from Ports, where a contageous disorder is known to prevail; and that the Secretary be directed to transmit the necessary Information to the Commanding Officer at Fort Independence on Castle Island, and to the Visiting Physician of this Board. — Adjourned

Quarantine on Newbern & Washington N. Carol. Charlestown S. C.

Octr. 16 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present — Mr. Josiah Snelling, Mr. Josiah Shaw, Mr. Joseph Head, Capt. Christopher Marshall & Capt. Benjamin Sumner —

Mr. Josiah Snelling took the Chair, but a Quorum not being Present at Five o'Clock — Adjourned 'till Wednesday next. —

Octr. 23. At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Nathl. Balch Esqr. Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Mr. Josiah Shaw Mr. Josiah Snelling, and Capt. Christr. Marshall —

Report on Brig Federal Volunteer & Sch. Fleets —

Dr. Welch appeared at the Board, and presented a Report in writing respecting the situation and circumstances of the Brigt. Federal Volunteer, and the Ships Fleets, now performing Quarantine at Bairnsford Island, whereupon discretionary Orders were given to Dr. Welch respecting the term of Quarantine for the above Vessels, provided they had been properly cleared and in his Opinion might proceed to Town with safety —

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The Secretary having produced an Account from Capt. Christopher Hasseltine with a Blank Charge for his Services on Rainsford Island —

Allowance to Capt. Hasseltine

Thereupon Voted, That the Secry. be directed to fill the said Blanks with the Sum of Fifteen Shillings pr. Diem exclusive of Board, and place the same into the next draft on the Town Treasurer —

Adjourned —

October 31. — At a Meeting of the Board this Day —

Present — Nathaniel Balch Esqr. Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Mr. Joseph Head, John Winslow Esqr. Capt. Mitchell Lincoln & James Prince Esqr. —

A Representation was made by the Weekly Committee that from Information they had received there could be no Doubt, that a contagious Disorder prevailed at Savannah, and that they had thought proper to give Verbal directions to the Commanding Officer at Fort Independence on Castle Island to stop all Vessels arriving from thence, till further Order from this Board — Whereupon Voted, That the Proceedings of the Weekly Committee in ordering the detention of Vessels at Fort Independence, that may arrive from Savannah, be Approved and confirmed; and that the Secretary be requested to give the necessary Direction that all Vessels arriving from such Port, proceed to Hingham Bay, there to perform Quarantine under the same Rules and Regulations, as other Vessels coming from Infected Ports.

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Lovell's Letter & Vote thereon

The Secretary laid on the Table a Letter from Mr. Lovell, informing the Board, that the term of his Contract had expired, and tendering his further services Whereupon Voted, That this Board are not in want of the Scavenger's Carts Further the present year, and that in the opinion of this Board, Mr. Lovell's conduct during the Contract has been satisfactory.

Committee to wait on Town Treasurer

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. and Mr. Joseph Head, be a Committee to wait on the Town Treasurer, for the purpose of adopting ways and means to Discharge the Drafts drawn on him by this Board —

Collectors directed to collect the Fines

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to call on the several Justices, who have been employed by this Board in the Recovery of Fines for the Payment and adjustment of the same. —

The following Accounts was presented by the Secretary, passed and Allowed. — Viz. To James I. Lovell Nine hundred and Five Dollars —

Monthly Drafts

The Secretary informed the Board, that he had filled the Blanks in Capt. Marshall's Account agreeable to a Vote at the last meeting, which amounted to the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Dollars, which was also passed and allowed making in the whole the sum of Nine Hundred and Fifty Five Dollars —

Adjourned.

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Nov.r 6

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Christr. Marshall, Capt. M. Lincoln Mr. Josiah Knapp and Capt. Benjamin Simmons, ——

Order on Brig Eliza

The Visiting Physician having made a Representation respecting the Brigantine Eliza, from Savannah, now performing Quarantine at Rainsford Island, by which it appeared, that the last death on Board was only Nine Days since — Whereupon it was Voted, That she continue her Quarantine until Wednesday next, to which time a further consideration is postponed —

Order respecting the Nurse at R. Island. —

On application of the Keeper of Rainsford Island respecting the Nurse employed at that Island by Order of this Board — Voted, That she be requested to continue at the Island, until the Quarantine on Vessels entering the Port of Boston is taken off. ——

Committee on Repair of Carts.

The Committee appointed to superintend the Repairing the Carts belonging to this Board, gave in a Verbal Report that they had attended to that Business, and that they were now in a complete State of Preparation, and ready for Service ——

Adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, John Winslow & James Prince Esqrs. Mr. Josiah Knapp Capt. M. Lincoln Capt. Benj.a Sumner, & Capt. L. Gardner & Capt. Obenr. Marshall.—

Voted, That the present Quarantine on Vessels arriving from any Port that has been sub= ject to Quarantine be so far taken off, that they may hereafter proceed up the harbour and anchor off the Long Wharf, when the Master of such Vessels shall directly appear before this Board to pass an Examination respecting the health of the Crew and the purity of the Cargo / Vessels having the Small Pox on Board only excepted / — And the several Pilots will take Notice and govern themselves Accordingly.

Quarantine on Vessels taken off in part.

Voted, That the Secretary give the foregoing Vote immediate publicity, and transmit a Copy of the same (with all dispatch) to the several Pilots.

Direction to Secy. —

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. and Mr. Josiah Knapp be a Committee to wait on the Collector for the Districts of Boston & Charlestown and to request of him to take such Measures as will aid this Board in carrying the foregoing Vote into Effect.

Committee to wait on Collector.

Voted, That the Rules and Regulations respect= ing Hogs and Hogsties within the Town of Boston, be so far suspended as that Permission for erecting Hogsties and the keeping of Hogs be left with the Weekly Committee of this Board for the time being —

Regulation of Hogsties left with the Weekly Committee

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At a Meeting of the Board held this Day. Present Paul Revere Esq^r James Pitts Esq^r Isaac Winslow & Nath^l Balch Esq^rs & Capt Scott Spalding Mr Josiah Snelling and Capt. Benj^a Sumner.

No communications being made the Board adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esq^r Nath^l Balch Esq^r James Pitts Esq^r Mr Josiah Snelling Mr Josiah Sneath, Capt. Christopher Marshall & Capt. Benjamin Sumner —

committee to wait on Justices —

The Secretary at a former meeting having been appointed a Committee to wait on the several Justices who had been Employed by the Board, for a settlements of Accounts, he presented an Acc^t Current from Justice Bowen & Justice Dominion —

Whereupon Voted, That Capt^n Benjamin Sumner be added to the Committee, and that they be Instructed to wait on the beforementioned Justices for an explanation respecting sundry Acc^ts which appear to be charged against the Board

Allowance to Mr Shaw. —

The Secretary presented an Account from Thomas Shaw amounting to One Hundred and thirty seven Dollars, also praying Allowance for the services of his Son who was necessarily employed in the Boat at Rainsford Island, a

reasonable part of the time; whereupon Voted, That thirteen Dollars be allowed for his said services, making in the whole the sum of One Hundred and fifty Dollars ——

The following Accounts were also presented and allowed — To Murdock and Co. fifty four Dollars and three Cents. To John W. Folsom One Hundred & thirty seven Dollars and fifty Cents making in the whole the sum Three Hundred Forty One Dollars, fifty three Cents. —

Accompts passed.

Adjourned. —

Dec. 4 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present, Paul Revere Esq. Nathe Balch Esq. John Winslow Esqr, Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Christopher Marshall, Capt. Benj. Sumner,

The Committee appointed to wait on the several Justices employed by this Board for an explanation of their accounts reported, & requested leave to sit again —

Committee reported Progress.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to inform the Keeper of Rainsford Island, that the services of the Nurse employed sometime since at that Island by this Board, will be no longer necessary —

Nurse at R. Island no longer wanted.

Adjourned

Dec.r 11. At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Mr. Josiah Knapp, John Winslow Esqr. Christopher Marshall Esqr. Capt. Mitchele Lincoln, Nath.l Balch Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Lemon. ——

Quarantine taken off entirely

Voted, That the present Restrictions of Quarantine be taken off, and that the Secretary advertise the same for Public information ——

Committee

Voted, That the Weekly be requested to inform the Collector for the Port of Boston and Charlestown, of the above Vote. —

Meetings altered

Voted, That Office Hours during the Winter Season, be only from Ten to One o'Clock A.M. and that the Board be summoned to meet once in a Fortnight —

Adjourned.

Dec.r 24 Agreeable to Adjournment the Board met this Day — But there being not a Quorum present, no Business was done

Adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere, John Hinkley & James Prince Esqrs. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Christopher Marshall Esq. Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Nathl Balch Esqr and Capt. Benjamin Sumner. ——

Accompts passed.

The following Accounts were presented by the Secretary, passed and allowed, — as follows. — To Nathl. Johnson, Ten Dollars, fifty Cents — To Solomon Phipps, Eight Dollars and fifty Cents — To William Phillips, Ninety Two Dollars & fifty Cents — To Amos Lewis, Six Dollars, To John Trench, Three Dollars, To Isiah Holbrook, Three Dollars, To Andrew Townsend, Three Dollars, To Joseph Ingraham, Four Dollars, To Enoch May Three Dollars, To Noah Butts, three Dollars, To Thomas Stevenson Three Dollars, To Abraham Tuckerman Three Dollars, — making in the whole Sum of One Hundred and Forty-Two Dollars, fifty Cents

Allowed

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January 8 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present. Paul Revere Esqr. & Solm Sweetser Esqr. & James Prince Esqr. Christopher Marshall Esqr. &c, Josiah Snelling Capt. & Jno. Lincoln Nesbit Knight and Capt. Benja Summer. — No Communications were made, nor Business transacted. ——

Adjourned ——

January 22 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Nathaniel Balch Esqr. & James Prince Esqr. &c, Josiah Snelling Christopher Marshall Esqr. Capt Benjamin Summer and Capt. Samuel Gardner.

The President being absent, Nathaniel Balch Esqr. presided. — The Committee appointed some time since to Examine the Land of Mr. Wm Taylor, to Ascertain the Quantity of Gravel laid there by direction of the Board, gave in a Verbal Report that one hundred Loads had been paid for by Mr. Taylor, that had been placed on the Town Land adjoining, which Monies ought to be Refunded and charged to the Town of Boston.

Allowance to Taylor 25 Dolls.

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. & James Prince Esqr. and Mr. Solm W. Folsom be a

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Committee to state in writing for the Information of our Constituents the Doings of this Board

Jany 22. the present Year, and make the same up to

Committee to arrange the Business done the Year past. the first Monday in April next, as they

respect the Removal of private Nuisances, Filth in the Streets, Vessels subject to Quarantine, Suits commenced for Breaches of the Health Laws, & Fines collected, together with an Account of the Expenditures made by the Board.

Adjourned ———

February 5 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present, Nathaniel Balch Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Christr. Marshall Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling & Capt. Benja. Sumner —— Not being a Quorum no Business was done.

Adjourned ———

Feby 25 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present: Paul Revere Esqr. Nathaniel Balch Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Christopher Marshall Esqr. Capt. M. Lincoln, Capt. Samuel Gardner and Capt. Benja. Sumner —

The Principal Fisherman appeared, and requested to have that part of the Regulations of the Board respecting taking out the Entrails of Fish &c. may be dispensed with, or Repealed, as that they

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may be permitted, to bring in the Fish to the Wharves, and there take out the Entrails, and carry them into the Channel, during the three Winter Months — The Board having taken it into consideration; but on a Motion, that this Business subside, passed in the Affirmative

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to write a Letter to Benj. Lincoln Esqr. Collector for the Dist. of Boston & Charlestown, requesting a strict Conformity to the 5th Section of a Law of this Commonwealth, respecting the Packers of Fish, and to Enclose that Clause thereof —

Direction to the Collector in respect to Packers of Fish —

The following Accounts were presented by the Secretary, passed and Allowed Viz —

To William Taylor Twenty Five Dollars — Do

Accounts Passed —

John Pickle Five Dollars, Twenty five Cents — To John W. Folsom One hundred and Thirty seven Dollars Fifty Cents, making the sum of One Hundred and Sixty seven Dollars Seventy-Five Cents. —

Adjourned

March — At a Special Meeting of the Board held — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Jesse Putnam Esqr. Messrs Stebbins, Christopher Marshall Esqr. Nath. Balch Esqr. Capt. Nicholas Lincoln, and Capt Lem Winslow — The Secretary laid before the Board a Letter from the Board of Health of the City of

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Philadelphia, requesting their Co-operation in a Memorial to Congress, on the Necessity of some Efficient Law to prevent the Introduction of Pestilential or contageous Diseases into any Ports in the United States. Whereupon it was Voted That the Committee of Correspondence, answer the said Letter, and inform them, That the Board of Health for the Town of Boston, deem it inexpedient to comply therewith, which Letter being immediately drafted was as follows. Viz —

Accepting Letter from Philadelphia

Board of Health, Philadelphia

Gentlemen

The Board of Health for the Town of Boston had the pleasure of receiving your Communication under Date the 25th February last proposing an Application to Congress to pass an Efficient National Law to prevent the Introduction of Pestilential Diseases beyond Seas" — The Board at all times feel happy in Co-operating with similar Institutions throughout the Union; but taking into view the very extensive Powers intrusted to them by the Legislature of this State, with the aids afforded in the Laws of the United States, passed the last Session, which all the Federal Officers, Civil and Military are enjoined to conform to the Regulations made by the State Health Committees, they cannot but think our State Laws applicable to the local situation of its Citizens sufficient, and therefore that an Application to Congress for them is unnecessary —

Answer to the Letter from Philada

Signed by the President

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March 12

At a Meeting of the Board this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Nath[l] Bailey Esqr. M[r] Josiah Stalling, John Winslow Esqr. M[r] Josiah Knapp Capt. M. Lincoln, and Capt Benjamin Sumner. — — —

Report on the Secretary's Accounts

The Committee appointed to Examine and audit the Treasurers Accounts, reported, That they have carefully attended to that Business and find them fairly Stated, and proper Vouchers.

Committee to draft Doings of the Board

The Committee appointed to state in writing the Transactions of this Board for the year past, as it respects the Removal of private Nuisances, Filth in the Streets, Vessels subject to Quarantine, Suits commenced for Breaches of the Health Laws and Fines collected, together with an Account of Expenditures made by the Board, gave in the following Report Viz —

The Board of Health to their Constituents —

Report of the Committee

On Wednesday the Second Day of April next the Powers of the present Board of Health will cease, and they think its decent and proper to lay before their Constituents, a statement of their Conduct while in Office, by which they will be better able to judge whether the Expences attending the institution have been ballanced by any advantages resulting therefrom.

Without intering into conjectural speculations as to the real Origin of the Fever, the Board at once decided to adopt a System that in its operation should have a tendency to check its progress whether springing from local or Foreign causes; if from local, by introducing city Cleanliness, if from Foreign, by obliging all Vessels from infected places to perform Quarantine, until Danger from Communication should be entirely Removed —

March 12 Intrusted with extensive powers, they conceived the best Return they could make, in behalf of the Town, to the Government for their confidence, would be exercising a firm and uniform conduct in the Discharge of their Duty; yet at the same time, not unnecessarily imposing Regulations that in their Executions might prove vexatious or burthensome to their Fellow Citizens — Diffident of their own abilities they Invited the most distinguished Physicians of the Town, and the Attorney General to assist in the general Arrangements, and the Invitation was accepted with that alacrity which entitles them to the warmest acknowledgements of the Town ...

Report of the Committee

A perusal of these Regulations will best shew the objects to which on the System of Cleanliness the attention of the Board has extended, and in consequence of which in the course of the Summer Months their Authority has been Exercised in causing the Removal of the following Nuisances as Injurious to the general Health — Viz

137 Vaults of Privies running on the Surface of the Earth, have been Emptied and cleaned ——
27 Offensive Drains cleansed and cleared.
61 Dirty and Filthy Yards cleansed, and the Filth Removed,
36 Heaps of Putrid Substances removed from the Streets
13 Ponds and Cellars of Stagnant Water cleansed and the Ponds Filled up with clean Earth.
35 Foul Cellars cleared and the Filth Removed
24 Offensive Hogsties Removed
10 Parcels of Putrid Fish Removed and Destroyed
6 Foul Docks cleared of their Putrid Substances existing there.
5 Nuisances on Wharves Removed.
10 Dead Horses and Cows, lying in the Streets or Sea Shore carried off into the Channel and Sunk. ——

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2 Lotts Putrid Hides sent out of Town. ------

March 12 8 Parcells putrid Provisions brought into the Market for Sale seized and Destroyed.

2 Bedsteds cleansed of the Filth left by their late Inhabitants. ——

To these may be added a great number of others removed themselves, or at the suggestions of Neighbours without application for the Interference of the Board.

The Expences attending the Town Carts, may at first view appear great, but when the number of Loads of dirt collected and carried away by them are considered it will be found that this Expence was not only unavoidable, but that the mode adopted was the least expensive, and therefore the most Eligible, for it appears by the Daily Returns from the first day of May to the first of November, the Six Carts employed raised up, collected, and carried to the Places Ordered by the Board Six Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight Loads of Filth and Dirt from the different Wards as Under ——

Ward No. One	Six Hundred and Fifty Two Loads.
..... Two ...	Six Hundred and Fifty Five .....
..... Three ..	Five Hundred and Eighty two .....
..... Four .	Five Hundred and Seventy .....
..... Five ...	Five Hundred and Four .....
..... Six	Four Hundred and Eighty Three .....
..... Seven ...	Five Hundred and Thirty Nine .....
..... Eight ..	Five Hundred and Fourteen .....
..... Nine .	Five Hundred and Eighteen .....
..... Ten	Five Hundred and Three .....
..... Eleven ...	Five Hundred and Thirty Eight .....
..... Twelve ...	Five Hundred and Twenty. .....

N.B. In addition to the may also be added a great Number of Loads carried away by our Country Brethren

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at leisure Seasons without any Expence to the Town.

The Second Branch of the System which caused all Vessels arriving From Suspected Ports to perform Quarantine has been carried into effect with much exactness; and although in some few Instances there have been found men, whose passions could only be Restrained by the terror of the Law; yet in general the Regulations established have been complied with notwithstanding their Novelty in a manner highly Honorable to those who were immediately concerned. During the period of Five Months, that this measure was deemed indispensible One hundred and Ninety five Sail of Vessels performed Quarantine From the following Ports Viz

From	Surinam	Seventeen.
	Berbice	One
	Tobago	Three
	Trinidada	Seven
	Demerara	Two
	St. Vincents	Seven
	Grenada	Two
	Barbadoes	Two
	Curracoa	Two
	Martinico	Nine
	Dominico	Two
	Montserath	One
	Antiqua	Two
	St. Kitts	Three
	St. Bartholemew	Seven
	Anguilla	One
	St. Croix	Four
	St. Thomas's	Sixteen
	Tortola	Six
	Hispaniola	Twenty One
	Turks Island	Four
	Jamaica	Eleven
	Honduras	Six
	Havannah	Twenty Three
	New Providence	Four
	Rio De la Plata	One

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From Gueroock with the Small Pox — One

From	New York	Seven
----------	Philadelphia	Eleven
----------	Baltimore	One
----------	Carolina	Eleven

From these, about Eighteen Hundred and Twenty men landed on Rainsford's or Hospital Island, and although there were amongst them a number of Valetudinarians, yet from the salubrity of the situation, the attention of the Visiting Physician, and the strict Police established to keep the Crews of each Vessel seperate, but five Instances of Mortality took place during the season, viz. one of these with the Small Pox, although by the Physicians report nearly One Hundred Deaths had taken place on the Passages of some of the Vessels.— The Board think it their Duty to declare, that notwithstanding the precautions so frequently spread by Inconsiderate Persons (to their knowledge) there were but five Instances of the Fever within the Town the last Summer, and the Origin of these may fairly be traced to Foreign Causes.

In closing the Duties of their Office they lay before their Constituents a particular statement of Expenditures for Inspection, adding their sincere Wishes, that the Salutary Exertions which may be made to prevent a Return of the Pestilence which walketh in Darkness may be crowned with success; and that the same measure of Health, with its concomitant Blessings which thence to Persons & our Citizens the last Season may be continued to us the present Year.

By Order of the Board

Signed Paul Beeson Pres.t

Jeff. Clon etc.

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Directions to Secty.

Voted, That the Gauging Report be published in the Commercial Gazette, with an Invitation through the Secretary to the several Printers in the Town to publish it, in their Respective papers Gratis.

Directions to Issue Warrents for Meeting of the Wards

Voted, That the Presidents be Requested to Issue his Warrents for calling the several Wards together for the choice of a Member for the Board of Health agreeable to the time appointed by Law.

Committee to confer with the V. Physician

Voted, That John Winslow Esqr. and the Secretary be a Committee to confer with the Visiting Physician respecting certain Charges exhibited in his Accounts.

The following Accounts were presented by the Secretary, passed and allowed viz.

To Thomas Spear Twenty One Dollars, To Messrs. Thayer and Chapman Ten Dollars, twenty

Accounts allowed

five Cents, to Young & Minns Eleven Dollars and fifty Cents, to Shan.a Bourne Esqr. Eighteen Dollars seventeen Cents, to Benj.a Russell Esqr. Four Dollars twenty five Cents, to William Phillips Ninety-five Dollars and fifty Cents, To John W. Folsom One hundred and thirty seven Dollars and fifty Cents. Also the Board gave Liberty to add to the Grant the Debt due John W. Folsom on the thirty first Day of July last of Eighty seven Dollars and Ninety Eight Cents which Account though passed on that Day, was not put into the Grants on the Treasurer for that Month, making in the whole the sum of Three Hundred and Eighty three Dollars and fifteen Cents.

Adjourned.

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March 26. At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day. Present Paul Revere Esqr. Dan Hinsdale Esqr. Mr. Enoch Train Esqr. Mr. Josiah Stead Clerk, Barnabas Esqr. Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Nath.l Balch Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Benjamin Lemmon.

Physicians Acc.t allowed in part

The Committee appointed to examine the Accounts of the Visiting Physician, gave in the same amended and allowed in part — Upon a Motion that the said Account be accepted as amended by the Committee, passed in the affirmative

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to make Regular Charges against the Commonwealth, whenever the same shall become necessary.

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Adjourned.

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New Board

This Day the new elected Members of the Board of Health from the several Wards (Number Eleven excepted from which no Return having been made) appeared, agreeable to a Notification issued by the President: The several Returns being Read the following Members took their Seats at the Board Viz— Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, James Prince Esqr. Christopher Marshall Esqr. Capt. Benj.ª Lummer Mr. James White Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. John Wells, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln and Amasa Davis Esqr.

Choice of Secy.

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a Secretary for the year Ensuing when it appeared Mr. John W. Folsom was chosen, and he having declared his acceptance, the President administered the following Oath Viz —

Oath to Secy.

"I John W. Folsom do solumnly and sincerely swear, that in the Office of Secretary to the Board of Health, to which I have now been chosen, that I will make a faithful Record of all the Votes, Proceedings & Regulations of the said Board and faithfully perform the Duties of the said Office during my continuance therein —

So help me God

Jno W. Folsom.

Attest — Paul Revere, Presidt

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choice of President

The Board then proceeded to the choice of a President, when Paul Revere Esqr was chosen — And he accepted the choice.

choice of Mr Phillips

Voted, That Mr William Phillips be Appointed Messinger to the Board of Health for the Year Ensuing and that the Salary thereof be the sum of Three hundred and fifty Dollars

Sum granted Treasurer

Voted, That the Salary annexed to the Office of Secretary be the sum of Four hundred & fifty Dollars —

Internal Regulations adopted

The Internal Regulations of the Board for the last Year were Read, — Whereupon Voted, That the same be adopted and considered as the Regulations of the Board for the Year Ensuing —

Packers Notified

Voted, That the Secretary cause an Advertisement to be immediately published, calling on the Packers & Curriers & Pickled Fish within the Town of Boston to appear at the Board to take the Oath, within four Days agreeable to Law.

Voted, That the Division of the Board into Weekly Committees be arranged in the following Order for the Year Ensuing Viz —

Rotation of the Weekly Committee

First Week	Second Week
No 1 Mr Josiah Snelling	No 4 Mr John Wells
2 Paul Revere Esqr.	5 Capt. M. Lincoln
3 Mr Thomas Lewis	6 Capt. Benj.a Sumner
Third Week	**Fourth Week**
7 James Prince Esqr.	10 John Winslow Esqr
8 Christr Marshall Esqr	11 Benj.a Pickman Esqr
9 Mr James White —	12 Amasa Davis Esqr.

Committee

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr be a Committee to Enquire of the Attorney General whether the Publications

of the Board of Health the Year past, as its Respects their general Regulations are sufficiently valid to be carried into Operation without being Republished

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Voted, That the Visiting Physician to be appointed by this Board shall not be allowed to make a Charge against the Town of Boston for any Extra Services performed for the Board of Health

Order to the Visiting Physician

Voted, That Dr. Thomas Welsh be appointed the Visiting Physician for the Board of Health the Year Ensuing —

Appointment of Visiting Physician

Voted, That James Prince Esqr. Amasa Davis Esq. and John Winslow Esqr. be a Committee to inform Dr. Welsh of his Appointment, and the Vote passed previous to the Appointment of a Visiting Physician

Committee

Voted, That Mr. James White, and Mr. Joseph Wells be a Committee to wait on the Select Men to request leave to take into Custody the Sedan Chairs belonging to the Town, for the Use of the Board of Health.

Committee on Sedans

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be requested to make Report next Wednesday of the Business necessary to be taken up [redacted]

Weekly Committee to Report —

Adjourned (Q)

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At a Meeting of the Board held this Day ... present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Nicholas Lincoln, Capt. Benj.a Sumner, Amasa Davis Esqr. Mr. James White, Mr. John Wells, Mr. Thomas Lewis and Mr. Benjamin Hopkinson. ——

Return from Ward N.o Eleven

The President having produced the Return from Ward N.o Eleven the same was read — and it appeared, Mr. Benjamin Hopkinson was duly Elected a Representative for said Ward, and he took his Seat accordingly. ——

Committee on Regulations

The Committee appointed to make the necessary Enquiries respecting the Republishment of the Regulations of the Board the last Year, provided the same should be adopted, & the said Regulations should be considered as Valid so as to be carried into compleat Operation — Reported, that he had consulted and taken the opinion of Gentlemen learned in the Law, and that Republishment was Necessary. ——

The Regulations were then Accordingly taken up Read and amended as follows Viz ——

Rules and Regulations

Rules & Regulations

Whereas the Legislature of this Commonwealth at their Session in May One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Nine, by an Act entitled an Act "to Empower the Town of Boston to choose a Board of Health, and for Removing and preventing Nuisances" did Fully authorize and empower the said Board of Health for the Town of Boston, or a Majority of them from time to time, to make such Rules and Regulations

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to leave Effects within the limits of the said Town as to them should appear Necessary to prevent and Remove Nuisances and Sources of Filth, in their opinion injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants; and that any Person or Persons who should disobey any of them after the Expiration of three Days from their publication in two of the Public Papers printed in said Town should be prosecuted, and on conviction

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thereof in the manner pointed out by said Law, forfeit and pay a Fine of Five Dollars, together with cost. The Board of Health for the Town of Boston in virtue of the said authority, do now make, publish and declare the following Rules & Regulations as the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health for the Town of Boston to commence and be in force within the limits of said Town, from and after the Expiration of three Days from their present Publication; and any Person or Persons who shall not comply with them or either of them will be prosecuted according to the provisions of the said Law; and they earnestly call on the several Constables, Watchmen, and other Officers employed by or under the Town, as well as the Inhabitants in general to give information to the said Board against all Delinquents.

Hogsties

Article 1 No Hogsties or Hogs shall be kept within the Town without a Licence from the Board of Health, and except they stand over the Water in such manner that the Filth will be compleatly carried off by the Ebbing & Flowing of the tide.

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Oysters. —

Fish. —

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cleaning Stalls —

Article 2 No Person shall be permitted to bring, sell, or have in his Possession within the Town any Oysters from and after the first Day of June until the first Day of September following, in each Year —

3 No Fresh Fish shall be Sold or kept in any Stall, Fish Box, or other House within the Town, except such Stall, Fish Box, or other House Stands over the Salt Water.

4 No Fresh Fish shall be brought between the Channel and the Shore, or within the Town unless their Throats have been cut, the Blood cleanly washed off, and the Gills and Entrails taken out and thrown away — Salmon, Eels, Live & small Fish excepted — Nor shall any Fresh Fish remain on Board any Vessel, Stall Fish Box, or other place for a longer Space than Twelve Hours without being salted. —

5 No Person shall be allowed to sell any Salmon, Eels or small Fish within the Town without having a light Vessel sufficient to Cover & hold the Skin, Heads and other Offals of the said Fish, and they shall put the same therein as collected, and made, and after cause them to be thrown either into the Channel, or otherwise carried out of Town before they become putrid or offensive —

6 No Seller of Fish shall scale any Fish on the Land within the Limits of the Town, or throw the heads of Fish on any Wharf or into the Streets, Lanes or Alleys of the same —

7 All Persons having Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, or Dock Square, shall be obliged once in every Day to wash and cleanse their Respective Stalls

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and from and after the first Day of June and until the first Day of October next following in each Year, no Heads or Offals of dead Creatures or Vegetables of any kind shall be suffered to remain or lye Night in either of the above Places —

Feathers Bedding &c.

8 No Feather Beds, Feathers, cloathing or Bedding arriving from any Place where a contagious Disorder prevails, or hath lately prevailed, shall be landed within the Town from any Vessel, Boat or craft, though the said Vessel, Boat or craft may not have been Directed to perform Quarantine without Permission in writing from the Board of Health

Livery Stable

9 No Owner or Keeper of a Livery or other Stable within the Town shall have more than two Cart Loads of Dung at one time proceeding from his said Stable, from the first Day of May, until the first Day of November then next following in each Year.

Graves. —

10 All Graves for the Interment of the Dead shall be at least six Feet deep, and the proprietors of the several Churches within the Town under which dead Bodies are or may be deposited shall cause at least three Bushells of Lime to be slacked under each of them once in Fourteen Days, from the first day of June, until the first Day of October next following in each Year.

Dead Animals in Docks &c.

11 No Person shall throw any Dead Animals or Vegetable Substances or the Sweepings of Vessels holes into any of the Docks, Mill Pond, Bottom of the Common, or Harbour within the Channel and the shore, or land the same on any of the Wharves within the Town.

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Vaults

12 No Person Shall open or clean any Vaults of Privies within the Town, within the Town, without Permission in Writing from the Board of Health from and after the first day of May, until the first Day of November then next following in each Year, but whenever and as often as the Contents of any Privie is within Eighteen Inches of the Surface of the Earth they shall directly Apply to the Board for a Licence to Empty the same under such Restrictions and Regulations as they may Direct, and empty the same Accordingly.

Waste Water

13 No waste Water shall be suffered to run upon the Surface of the Street from any House Building or Yard abutting on any Street in which there is a common Sewer, but the same Shall be led therein by the Owners of the Buildings.

Mill Ponds

14 Neither the Proprietors of the Mill Pond, their Agents Tenants, any Person employed by or under them or any other Person whomsoever, Shall at any time after the Fifteenth Day of June, and until the first of October next following in any Year, draw off the Water of the said Pond in such manner as to cause the Surface on the Marsh Land to be dry, without a Licence therefor from the Board of Health.

Feathers

15 No Feathers, shall be landed within the limits of the Town of Boston before the same have been examined by some Person authorized for that purpose by the Board of Health, and a Certificate Obtained from him that in his Opinion the said Feathers are free from Infection, and may be landed without Danger to the

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Dirt & Filth 16 No Person shall throw into any Street, Lane or Alley, within the Town, any Dirt, Filth, animal substances or Sweepings of any kind, except on the Days the Scavengers of the Wards, pass through with their Carts, when they shall bring the same, together with the Sweepings, and Filth necessarily made in their Yards into the Street, before the hours of Nine o'Clock A.M. for the purpose of being carried away by the Scavenger and any of the Inhabitants Refusing or neglecting to collect and bring out their Dirt for the purpose as aforesaid, will be considered as violating the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health, and in case any Scavenger neglects to carry away said Sweepings and Filth, it is required of the Inhabitants to whom such Neglect is made to enter on the same Day a Complaint against such Scavenger to the Board of Health. — Signed Paul Revere President

Attest Wm. W. Folsom Secy

Voted, That Mr. Spear, Keeper of Chains Ford Island be requested to come up to Town with the Boat belonging to the Island on Wednesday and Saturday of every Week, till further Orders. —

Voted That Six Carts, & Six Horses with suitable Drivers be employed for the Use of the Town the Ensuing Year —

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April 16 Voted, That Proposals be Published in the several Papers agreeable to the following Advertisement

Board of Health

Boston April 16 1800.

Advertisement. Any Person willing to Contract with this Board to Collect take up and carry away all the Filth and Dirt occasionally made in the Streets Lanes & Yards of the Inhabitants of the Town, from the first Day of May to the first Day of November next ensuing are desired to give in their Proposals to the Secretary of the Board, Sealed, on or before Wednesday Last at Noon — Bonds will be Expected for the faithful Performance of the Contracts —

By Order of the Board

Paul Revere President.

Attest. Jos. Wilson Secy

Voted, That the eight Carts belonging to the Town, for the purpose of carrying away Human Excrement continue under the Direction of the Secretary of this Board for the Ensuing Year

Eight Carts under direction Secy

Voted, That Mr. Josiah Snelling and Capt. Benja. Simmes be a Committee for the purpose of Obtaining some suitable place belonging to the Town to Erect a Building proper for keeping said Carts under Cover and Lock and Key

Committee

Voted, That no Cart of whatever Construction shall be employed for the purpose of carrying away Human Excrement except those employed by the Board of Health.

Carts restricted

Voted That the Secretary for the Board of Health be employed as Treasurer for the Ensuing Year and

Secy appointed

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April 15 — That One Hundred Dollars be placed in his hands to the next Draft on the Town Treasurer, for the purpose of defraying sundry Small Incidental Charges of the Board of Health.

Committee on Sedan Chairs reported. — The Committee appointed to apply to the Select Men for the Sedan Chairs belonging to the Town Reported, That the same were delivered up, and that they had put them into the hands of Mr. Hawes to be repaired, — Which Report was Accepted.

Committee — Voted, That Amasa Davis, James Paine and Paul Revere Esqrs. be a committee to take into consideration, a plan of Quarantine, for such others as may tend to prevent the spreading of contageous Sickness, and to report at the next Meeting.

Rules & Regulations to be published — Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish the Rules and Regulations of this Board for the Year Ensuing, as they have now been passed.

Adjourned

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April 23

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day. Present Paul Revere Esqr. M.D., Isaac Smith Esqr. Elisha Winslow Esqr. Christr. Marshall Esqr. Capt. N. Lincoln, James Prince Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Sumner Mr. Benjamin Hopkinson Mr. James Smith Amasa Davis Esqr. Mr. John Wells. ——

Committee on Quarantine

The Committee appointed to take into Consideration a plan of Quarantine, or such other Regulation, as may prevent the spreading of contagious sickness Reported as follows viz ——

Quarantine on Vessels from Foreign Ports.

1st That from and after the first day of May next ensuing, and until the further Orders of the Board all Vessels from any of the West India Islands, or the Continent of America, or Africa, South of the Tropick, the Cape de Verd Islands, or any Port within the Straights of Gibraltar, or who in the course of the Voyage may have been at any Port within the said Straights shall perform Quarantine at Rainsford Island, prior to their entering the inner harbour of Boston, under the Direction of the Visiting Physician of this Board.

Directions to Visiting Physician

2. That the Directions to the Visiting Physician passed on the Eleventh Day of July and the fourteenth of August last, and the Instructions of the Health Committee dated July Twenty second, One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety Nine, be the standing Rules & Regulations of the Board of Health until altered or repealed and also that the Directions to Masters of Vessels while performing Quarantine as were agreed on by the late Board on the Twenty sixth of June One Thousand seven hundred and Ninety Nine be continued and in force the present year, and that the

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President be Requested, to cause a Sufficient Number of the same to be printed, and that he Sign them in behalf of the Board, and deliver them to the Visiting Physician, who will on his directing any Vessel to perform Quarantine deliver one of said Instructions to the Commander Passengers & Crews taking a Note thereof of the time and place of such delivery. —

Directions to Visiting Physician

3. That the Instructions given to Thomas Spear the Keeper of Rainsford Island on the fourteenth August last be continued the present Year.

4th That all Vessels from any part of the World arriving within the Harbour of Boston with the Small Pox on board, or who may have had the same during the Voyage, or who on the passage shall have lost any Person by Sickness, shall prior to their passing the Castle be subject to examination by the Visiting Physician, and if on such examination he Judges it Necessary for the public safety, that he direct them to perform Quarantine.

Small Pox subject to Quarantine

5th That the President be desired to Notify the Commander of Fort Independence on Castle Island of the foregoing Rules and Regulations, and to Request of him to prevent any Vessel subject to Examination and Quarantine from passing above the said Fort without a Permit under the hand of the Visiting Physician.

Orders to Fort Independence

6th That the several Pilots be notified of the second Regulation and direct them to conform thereto

Orders to Pilots. —

7th That Copies of the first and Fifth Regulation be sent to the Collector of the Port of Boston with a Request that he would not suffer any Vessel to enter at his Office without a Certificate from the

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Board, That the said Vessel has been examined and cleaned agreeably to the Spirit and meaning of the same. ——

8th That the Fees Established by the late Board under Date the Twenty sixth of June and the Eleventh Day of July One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Nine be continued and allowed the present Year —

Fees to Visiting Physician

9th That the Visiting Physician be a Committee to Report to the Board the best Means to provide for the accomodation of the Sick that may be at Rainsford Island the most eligible plan to keep the Crews of different Vessels performing Quarantine at the same time distinct; also what Farther Accommodation is wanting, if any, for that purpose — And Farther that the said Visiting Physician consult and agree with the Commanding Officer of Fort Independence on Castle Island on certain standing Questions to be asked of each Vessel Arriving by the said Fleet, so that the first and fourth Article may be carried into complete Effect

Visiting Physician a special Committee

All which is Submitted —

Signed, Amasa Davis Chairman

On a Motion, That the foregoing Report be Accepted, passed in the Affirmative

Report Accepted

Voted, That the Weekly Committee confer with Mr. Spear on the Practicability of providing further Assistance at Rainsford Island for the benefit of the Sick —

Committee to confer with Mr. Spear

Voted that the Contracts to be made for Cleansing the Streets Lanes &c. within the Town for the ensuing Year, be entered into with some Individuals who shall give Bonds for the faithful Performance

Individual Contracts

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The Secretary having laid on the Table a number of Proposals for cleaning the Streets, Lanes &c &c. within the Town of Boston for the Year Ensuing, It appeared there were three Candidates for entering into a Contract for Furnishing Six Horses & Carts & six drivers whose Terms agreed — Accordingly on a Motion That the Person to be agreed on should be determined by Ballot, based on the affirmative — The same being taken Mr. James Smith Lovell had a majority of Votes & was chosen —

Expenditure on Carts —

The Committee appointed to confer with Dr Welsh Reported, verbally that they had attended to the discharge of their commission, and that he had agreed to accept the same Fees as the last Year, — That he would with pleasure attend while in Boston, on the Board and visit any House where any infectious Disease was said to prevail, for the purpose of ascertaining the same free from any Expence to the Town, well understood however, That in case he should after attend any Sick there, he should be entitled to his Fees as attending Physician in the same manner as other Physicians of the Town. —

Report of Committee from Dr. Welsh. —

Adjourned

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Commission to Doct. Thomas Welsh Visiting Physician to the Board of Health —

To Doctor Thomas Welsh of Boston

Greeting ——

Instructions to Dr. Welsh —

By virtue of the 17th Section of a Law of this Commonwealth, Entitled, "An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, to choose a Board of Health, and for Removing and preventing Nuisances" passed the Twentieth Day of June One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Nine — The Board of Health for the Town of Boston appoint you Visiting Physician to said Board, hereby giving to you all the Powers & Authorities in the said Act mentioned. ——

In Witness whereof we have caused the Signature of the President to be given to these Presents, and countersigned by the Sec'y. of the Board at Boston the Eighth Day of April, One Thousand Eight Hundred

Signed Paul Revere President.

Attest
Jos. W. Tidlow Sec'y.

Instructions to Capt. T. Spear.

Instruction to Capt. Spear.

Sir,

You are hereby directed, That whenever any Vessel shall stand into the Island to Anchor for the purpose of performing Quarantine, to either go alongside yourself, or send a suitable Person, and cause the Vessel to be Anchored as near the Island as the Pilot on board shall judge to be safe — You will take down in writing the name of the Vessel, Master, Number of the Crew,

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arrive from, length of passage, owners Name; and enquire if any sickness, or if any Person has died on Board, and transmit the same to the Visiting Physician ——

If the Vessel arrives in the Morning and has had Twenty-Two Days passage, you will on the same Day, and if she arrives in the afternoon, you will the next Morning begin to fumigate her with Nitre and Vitriol agreeable to former Instructions — On the succeeding Day you will stack a Bushel of Lime in the Hold, and the third Day order and see that the Vessel is washed in every part that will admit thereof, and also when with safety it can be done Request the Master to take out the Lumber Port, open the Cabbin Windows, and leave the Hatches open, and make use of all the Means in his power to cause a Free circulation of Air, to pass through the Vessel — You will be particularly careful that each of the three Days every Person on Board washes his Person with Water, and his Hair with Vinegar — All Cloaths, Beds, & Bedding must be washed, without to any of them being clean, and the contents of the Beds, should when of little or no Value, be thrown away or burned, as no Beds or Bedding must be permitted to come up to Town, where there has been any Sickness or Death on Board without having been buried in the Earth on the Island for such length of time as the Visiting Physician may direct ——

You are not to suffer any Boats to pass within the Buoys of any Vessel while performing Quarantine, much less to take from any Person on Board, or even from the Boat of such Vessel, any Letter, Packet, or other thing, but to direct that nothing shall pass out of a Vessel except by your Knowledge, and consent, and in the Island Boat —— It being of consequence to the Merchants that the Letters

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should arrive to them as soon as the public safety will admit. You will take all the Letters from the Masters
April 23 — that they bring, and which they are willing to deliver, and send them by the first Boat to town, with Orders to have them put in the Post Office —

You are not to suffer any Person from Vessels arriving from the Savannah, St Thomas's or any other port in the West Indies deemed by the Physician very infectious, to come on the main Island, nor any Persons from any other boat to pass over the other side of the Liner towards the Sick house, and in case they will not comply you will forcibly detain them agreeable to Laws

No Person from Town or Elsewhere is to Land on Rainsfords Island without your Permission first had; and in case after you make them acquainted with this Order, they should perisit, you must detain them until the Order of the Board —

You will with great exactness carry into Execution all the Directions you may occasionally receive from the Visiting Physician both as respects the particular mode of purifying Vessels as of other Matters that lies within his particular province —

Direction to the Collector. — The following Directions were given to the Collector for the port of Boston and Charles Town —

Sir, The Board of Health for the Town of Boston have judged it necessary to the public safety, that Vessels from certain ports and under particular Circumstances from and after the first Day of May next shall perform Quarantine before they discharge their Cargoes, a Copy of the Regulations they now enclose you — They request you to aid them in the execution of the same by not permitting any Vessel thus subject to Quarantine to en

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at your Office until a Certificate has been obtained from this Board by the Master, that the Vessel has been visited

April 23— and can land her Cargo with safety to the Inhabitants

Signed in behalf of the Board

By the President

The following Directions were given to the Commanding Officer at Fort Independence on Castle Island —

Directions to the Commanding Officer Castle Island

Sir,

The Board of Health for the Town of Boston have Judged it Necessary to the Safety of the Inhabitants, That From and after the First Day of May next, Vessels arriving From certain ports, and under particular circumstances, shall be examined and perform Quarantine prior to their passing Fort Independence on Castle Island — A Copy of the Regulations they now enclose you, and Request of you that you would aid and assist them in carrying the said Regulations into Effect, by preventing any Vessel subject to Examination or Quarantine from passing by the Fort, without having Permission therefor from Dr. Thomas Welsh the Visiting Physician to this Board

Signed in Behalf of the Board

By the President —

April 30 — At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, James Prince Esq. Christr. Marshall Esqr. Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. John Wells Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Mr. James White, and Mr. Benjamin Hesenden Junr. —

Committee appointed to procure a Suitable place to erect a Building for Quarantine Goods

The Committee appointed to procure a suitable place, to erect a Building proper to deposit the Sick Casts together with an Estimate of the expence, Reported that they had completed their Commission, had procured a proper —

place.

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and had estimated the Expence at Fifty Dollars — Whereupon Voted, That the same Committee be empowered immediately to cause a Building to be erected for the purpose before mentioned ———

Inspector Carts Streets &c.

Voted, That an Officer be appointed by the Board who shall be called "Inspector of the Streets & Carts," whose Duty it shall be to inspect the Streets, Lanes, Alleys, Docks and Yards within the Town, until otherwise ordered by this Board, who shall also have the immediate superintendance and inspection of the Scavengers and public Carts, to see that they faithfully discharge their Duty; and that the said Officer shall also cause the Sixteenth Article of the Rules & Regulations of this Board to be carried into complete effect, and make complaint against all delinquents to the Board or their Weekly Committee — The Board then proceeded to the choice of this Officer, and James Smith Lovell was chosen. ———

Committee to dispose of Sick and Duty. —

Voted, That the Weekly Committee for the time being be a Committee to digest and propose a Plan for disposing of the Sick & Dirty of the Town the year Ensuing ———

Committee to provide for the Sick at N. Island

The Committee appointed to Report the best mean to provide for the Accommodation of the Sick, that may be obtained for Lazaretto Island, the most eligible plan to keep the Crews of different Vessels performing Quarantine at the same time distinct, also what further Accommodation is wanting if any for that purpose. And further that said Committee consult and agree with the Commanding Officer at Fort Independence on Castle Island on certain standing Questions to be asked of each Vessel passing by the said Fort, so that the first and fourth Article may be carried into complete effect, have in the following Report.

That two Barracks are wanted, one Ninety Feet in length, and the other Forty-five Feet in length — the

Dimensions of Buildings at Point Island

former should be erected on the south west end of the Island — The other on the south east side of the Island near the Beach, about thirty Rods from the Dwelling House on the same Range. ——

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In the Disorders, which are the Object of the attention of the Board may be divided into three classes Viz — Into contageous ~~Disorders~~ Disorders or Malignant Disorders not malignant or contageous; and the Small Pox in the Island ought to be divided into three Districts marked out with Poles or Standards, with small Red Flags during the Season of Quarantine.

Report of the Physician

This Division appears to be best calculated to provide for another part of the Instructions Viz. "The most eligible plan to keep the Crews of different Vessels performing Quarantine distinct"

Should this Report meet the approbation of the Board the House now occupied by Mr Spear, and the Building in front will be kept for the convenience of his Family, and to accommodate the Crews of Vessels either Well, or sick with any Disorder not contageous or Malignant — The Building on the South West part of the Island and that of Ninety feet proposed to be erected there, should be assigned for the use of such Crews as are sick of contageous or malignant Disorders other than the Small Pox, or who have arrived from Ports visited with those Disorders.

The Building to be erected on the south east side of the Island should be appropriated ~~to the~~ use of Persons sick with the small Pox who have lately had it, or are likely to have it.

Direction to Pilots

It is proposed that the Pilots should be directed to anchor the Vessels as near to the Island as the draft of Water and the state of the tide & weather will reasonably admit, and that two Buoys should be fixed at some

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convenient place at the East and West end of the Island at the extreme points for Vessels to Moor, and also that Pilots bringing in Vessels with the Small Pox, or which have been visited therewith, should anchor them on the South east Side of the Island —

It is submitted for consideration, whether the Crews of different Vessels can be kept entirely distinct at times when there are a large number together without some Person on the Spot authorized by the Board to see their Orders carried into complete Effect: It is also suggested whether the Boats of each Vessel at Sunsets ought not to be hoisted in.

In Consequence of a consultation with the Commanding Officer at Port Independence the following Standing Questions have been agreed on to be asked of each Vessel passing the Fort. —

Standing Questions at Port Independence

1 Are you all well on Board?
2 Have you had any Sickness on Board since you left Port?
3 Has any Person died on Board?
4 Has your Vessel been within the Streights of Gibraltar?
5 Have you been Boarded by any Boat from, or has any Person on board your Vessel been during the present Voyage on board any Vessel from thence?
6 Has the Small Pox or any contageous Disorder been on Board during your Voyage?
7 Was there any Sickness at the Port you sailed from, or a Report of any prevailing there at the time you sailed?

Signed Thomas Welsh. —
Visiting Physician

The foregoing Report having had two Readings was unanimously Accepted.

mmittee to Governor Council

Voted. That application be made to the Governor and Council, that the former part of the Report of the Visiting Physician may be carried into complete Effect.

mmittee to carry into Effect Report of the Visiting Physician

Voted, That the Board of Health, be a committee to carry into Execution the second part of the Report of the Visiting Physician

mmittee on Drain Market Square.

Voted, That John Winslow Esqr. and Mr. James White be a Committee to enquire into the present state of the Drain in Market Square

mmittee on timates for 1800

Voted, That John Winslow Esqr. James Prince Esqr. and Amasa Davis Esqr. be a Committee to make the necessary Estimates of the Expences for the Board of Health in Order to Ascertain the Sum Wanted for the Year Ensuing — That they also have conference with the Committee on Accounts for the Town of Boston, so that the Sum necessary may be added to the Warrent for calling the May Meeting of the Town.

anding Committee onference for 1800

Voted, That Capt. Benjamin Sumner, and Mr. James White, be the Standing Committee of Conference with the Board of Select Men for the Town of Boston for the year Ensuing.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to Notify the meeting of the Board until further order at Five o'Clock P. M.

Voted, That the Meeting of the Weekly Committee during the summer Months, be held at Nine o'Clock A.M.

Voted, That James Prince Esqr. be a Committee to agree with the several Printers in behalf of the Board of Health for the payments of their Accounts by the Year

The President having informed the Board, that he should be absent several Weeks — The Board proceeded to the Choice of a President pro tem. when John Winslow Esqr. was unanimously chosen.

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Bills on the Treasurer

The Secretary presented the following Accounts which were severally passed and allowed viz — To Virginia Forty one Dollars and fifty Cents — To William Phillips Eighteen Dollars and Seventy-five Cents — To John W. Folsom Fifty one Dollars and Sixty seven Cents — To Ebenezer Rhodes Seven Dollars and Seventy-five Cents. To John W. Folsom One hundred Dollars passed the Sixteenth ultimo to be placed in his hands as Treasurer for the Board, to be accounted for in his Settlement in that Office — Making in the whole the sum of Two hundred and Eighteen Dollars Eighty seven Cents. —

Adjourned —

May 7

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day present John Winslow Esq. in the Chair, Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Benjamin Sumner Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Amos Davis Esq. Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. James White, and Mr. Benjamin Hesselden Junr. —

Committee on Deer Market Square

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the present State of the Drain in Market Square, in consequence of a complaint entered in Febr. by several of the Inhabitants in that Vicinity, Reported said Drain was in good Order, and that the disagreeable smell complained could not arise from that source — Which Report was unanimously accepted.

Report of the Committee on Estimates for 1800

The Committee appointed to make the Necessary Estimates of the Sums wanted by the Board the present Year and to confer with the Committee of Accounts for the Town of Boston, Reported the Sum of Four Thousand Dollars, and that they had Required

the same to be placed on the Warrants to be issued for calling the Annual Meeting of the Town in May next. —— Which Report was also accepted unanimously ——

Committee on Application to the General Court.

Voted, That John Winslow Esqr. Amasa Davis and James Prince Esqrs be a Committee to draft a Plan of Application to the next Session of the General Court, stating the Improvements and Accommodations for the Sick at Roxbury-Island predicated on the Reports of the Visiting Physician to this Board, dated on the thirtieth Day of April last.

Committee to explain to Visiting Physician

Voted, That the President pro tem. be a Committee to explain to the Visiting Physician of this Board that part of the Vote directing all Vessels to perform Quarantine at Roxbury Island arriving from Africa South of the Tropic, as no other Vessels were intended to be included in that Order.

Adjourned.

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May 14

At a Meeting of the Board this Day — Present John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Capt. M. Lincoln, Christopher Marshall Esqr. Amasa Davis Esqr. Mr. James White, & Mr. Thos Lewis —

Committee on the Building to deposit Lights &c. report

The Committee appointed to provide a Suitable Place, and superintend the Building, to be erected for depositing the Lights Casts, belonging to this Board, Reported, That they had attended to that Business — that they had provided a place, that the Frame was completed, and the Building was ready to be erected — But Complaints having arisen in the Neighbourhood several of the Complainants were now on the Floor of the Town House, who wished to present a Petition, and be heard — They were accordingly admitted, and presented a Petition, signed by Fifty-Seven of the Inhabitants in the Vicinity of the Green Dragon, which being Read, a Motion was made, That for reasons set forth in the Petition, the Prayer of the Petitioners be granted, which passed in the Affirmative —

Committee to proceed to Business

Voted, That the same Committee proceed in procuring an Accommodation for the Purposes before-mentioned, and that Mr. Thomas Lewis be added to that Committee —

Mr. Lewis

Voted, That the Board of Health visit Pointe Island on Tuesday next, and give Directions for the Purpose of erecting Buoys near the Island, that the Regulations of Vessels performing Quarantine, may be completely carried into Effect — Also to make out and provide for the better accommodation of the Sick —

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to provide

1800 the necessary Stores for the Day, and to invite the Assis-
May 14.— tance of the Visiting Physician to this Board, together
Provision Stores with that of Mr. Thomas Snow, the Inward Branch
Pilot for the Port of Boston ——————

Voted, That the Sedans now Repaired for the
Sedans Repaired Use of the Board of Health, be placed in a conve-
nient Room in the Old State House, 'till the fur-
ther Order of this Board ——————

Adjourned ——

At a Meeting of the Board this Day ——
May 27 Present: John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Benja
Sumner, Capt. N. Lincoln Christopher Marshall Esqr
Mr. John Wells, Mr. Benja Hephenden Secry. & Mr. Thomas
Lewis ——

Voted, That the Boats of all Vessels performing Quar-
Vessels Quarantine to Island and Guard on board antine shall be hoisted on Board every Night by Sunset
and there kept until Sunrise of the next Day, unless Briefs
of Weather or other urgent Cause should render the contrary
necessary. ——

Voted, That Mr. Josiah Snelling John Winslow Esqr.
and Capt. Benja Sumner be a Committee of Accounts,
and that the Secretary transmit all Accounts against
Committee on Accounts the Board to them on the Monday preceding the last
Wednesday of each Month, in Order that they may be ex-
amined into and Reported by them to the Board. ——

Voted, That no Cart shall be employed out of the Wards
they are to pass through by the present Arrangement, on
any pretence whatever except by special direction of the
Weekly Committee.

Voted, That the several Drivers with their Carts
call

Voted Restricting Horses Carts & Drivers

on the Members of the Ward through which the Cart is that Day to pass, to receive his Directions on each Day before Eight O'Clock in the Morning ——

Voted, That the six Driven Horses and Carts shall be inspected once a Week, by one of the Weekly Committee, and that for this purpose they be brought to the Old State House every Saturday at One o'Clock P. M. and that the Weekly Committee make Report to the Board of the State of the same at every regular Meeting. —

Voted. That no Scavenger shall be permitted to take up any Dirt on hire, on any pretence whatever ——

Voted, That each Cart be lettered, Town Carts, with Letters three Inches long and numbered in proportion ——

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish, for the Information of the Inhabitants, the Days on which the Scavengers with their Carts pass through the several Wards, together with the Extract from the Laws relating to untanned Hides, and to the Keepers of Boarding Houses.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to contract with two Printers of public News-Papers within the Town for publishing all Advertisements, that may be issued from this Board, the present Year

The following Accounts having been presented to the Secretary was passed and allowed. viz To Thomas Lovell Four Hundred and Five Dollars

Adjourned ——

June 4. At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. David Sprague James Prince Esqr. Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. James White, Mr. Benjamin Hesseden Junr. and Mr. John Wells. —

Respecting Doggets Alley

A Representation having been made to the Board respecting the present situation of Daggets Alley, together with a common Passage nearly opposite Mountfords corner, so called in Fish Street both of which for want of the Assistance of the Selectmen, in paving said Streets, are in a State highly injurious to the Health of the Inhabitants, — Refered to the Committee of Conference

Committee of Conference

Voted, That the Secretary be directed immediately to furnish the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Boston with a Copy of the Vote passed sometime since appointing Capt. Benjamin Sumner, and Mr. James White a Committee of Conference with the Board of Selectmen. —

Letter from Philadelphia

The President laid on the Table a Letter from the Board of Health dated Philadelphia May 19, 1800 — The purport of which was a proposition to send Bills of Health to the port of Boston by all Vessels who should make application therefor after the first day of June, provided that city should remain healthy and to request the Board of Health for the Town of Boston to grant similar Certificates, under the like Circumstances. —

Whereupon Voted, That the foregoing Propositions be accepted and agreed to by this Board, and that the following Advertisement, be immediately published ——

By the Board of Health.

The Boards of Health for the City of Philadelphia, and Town of Boston, with a view to prevent any needless interrup-

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tion to the Commencement of the two Places the approaching season, by subjecting Vessels from either, bound to, perform

Objection against respecting Bills of Health

Quarantine, have agreed, that all Vessels bound to Philadelphia, shall be furnished with Certificates of Health Gratis—

Notice is therefore hereby given to the Owners and Masters of Vessels bound to Philadelphia, That it will be necessary for them to take from this Board a Certificate of Health, otherwise they will be liable to perform Quarantine on their arrival there.

The Board of Health recommend to the several Health Committees in the United States to adopt similar Regulations in order that there may not be any needless interuption to the Trade between the different ports of the Union —

Adjourned —

June 11 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day present, Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Sumner Christopher Marshall Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Mr. James White, Mr. John Wells and Mr. Benjamin Hesenden Junr. —

The Weekly Committee for the last Week made Report that the Horses, Carts & Drivers employed by this Board appeared and were viewed on Saturday last, and that the Horses and Carts appeared to be in good Order

Report Committee viewing Carts. —

A Letter from James Prince Esqr. respecting the want of Carts in Ward No. Seven was taken up, Whereupon Voted, That Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Benjamin Sumner and Christopher Marshall Esqrs, be a Committee to investigate the Complaints against several of the Scavengers employed by Mr. Lovell, and to Report a plan of alteration

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Petition respecting Filth near Adams Wharf

A Petition was presented, signed by Ebenezer Clough and others, Inhabitants residing near to Adams Wharf, praying that no more Filth collected and brought on said Wharf, by the Scavengers should be permitted to be placed there, the present state of the Air arising from said Premises, being now in a state to be considered as injurious to Health — whereupon Voted, that the prayer of the Petition be granted, and that the Weekly Committee be Requested to procure a more suitable place for depositing the Filth collected at the North part of the Town.

Committee

Voted, That Paul Revere and John Winslow Esqrs. be a Committee to Report some plan to prevent Passengers or other Persons from landing from Vessels, previous to their entering the outer Harbour, with a view to avoid performing Quarentine —

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish the following Advertisement — viz.

Advertisement respecting the Small Pox.

Whereas Reports have lately been circulated That the Small Pox is prevalent within the Town of Boston — The Board of Health for the Town, think it a Duty they owe their Fellow Citizens, and their Country Brethren in particular, to give this Information, That no Person within the Town, to their Knowledge is infected with that Disorder, and that not more than Six Persons have been infected within the Town since February last; all which have been immediately removed — and the last Removal eleven Days since —

Signed Paul Revere President

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At a Meeting of the Board, Specially called this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Benj.a Sumner Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Mr. Thomas Lewis Mr. John Wells Mr. Benjamin Pessenden, Amos Davis Esq and Christopher Marshall Esqr.

The President having laid on the Table an Act of the General Court, passed the twenty fifth Inst. in consequence of a Memorial from the Board of Health praying for some additional Buildings on Rainsford Island — Whereupon Voted, That Amos Davis Esqr. Paul Revere Esqr. and James Prince Esqr. be a Committee to contract with some Person or Persons, to erect suitable Buildings in addition to those now on Rainsford Island, for the further Accommodation of the Sick, agreeable to said Law.

Committee on Buildings R. Island

Voted, That the Health Committee have Power until the twentieth Instant to permit any Person performing Quarantine at Rainsford Island to be discharged therefrom provided the Visiting Physician may be of Opinion that the Public Safety will justify such Discharge —

Quarantine Law dispensed with in part. —

Voted, on an Application of William Mills Captain of the Schooner Veteran be permitted to come to Town, provided he shall obtain a Certificate from the Visiting Physician, that it can be done with safety to the Inhabitants —

Comm.r to wm Mills

Adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present. Amasa Davis Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Capt. Christopher Marshall, Capt. Benj.a Sumner, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Mr. James White and Mr. Thomas Lewis —

Committee.

The Committee appointed to contracts respecting the Buildings to be erected on Rainsford Island presented Proposals from several Persons — Whereupon Voted. That Amasa Davis Esqr. be a Committee to complete the Contracts with some suitable Person or Persons for compleating the Buildings before-mentioned, Provided the sum does not exceed One Thousand Dollars —

New order respecting Scavengers.—

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the Complaints against the Scavengers in the several Wards, gave in a Report, which being read and amended, passed as follows. viz —

Voted, That in order to Effect a Radical Reformation in the Arrangements of the Carts, ~~the~~ Mr. Lovell be directed to dismiss all such Drivers as shall not be approved of by the Weekly Committee, on the Twenty-fifth instant, and also, That Mr. Lovell present a List of men suitable for Drivers on or before said time; and in case Mr. Lovell does not present a list of Drivers by the Twenty-fifth instant, it is hereby Voted, That the Contracts with Mr. Lovell shall after said time cease and determine —

Voted, That each Driver shall be obliged to call on the Members of the different Wards through which the Carts are on that Day to pass on or before Eight o'Clock A.M. — And it shall be the Duty of each Mem-

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for to make Report of the State of the Drivers Horses and Carts at each Weekly Meeting. ...

Voted, It shall be the Duty of each Driver to have on the Reins of each Horse a Bell to Ring at the Entrance of each Street to Notify the Inhabitants of his approach; and he shall pass slowly through the Streets with the Carts and carefully Take up and carry away all Dirt; either in the Streets, or which may be Ready to be delivered him by any Inhabitant... And in case on Complaints it shall fully appear that any Driver has Refused to Receive or take away the Dirt in the Streets, or which may be Ready to be delivered by any of the Inhabitants, that the Hire of the Driver Horse and Cart shall be forfeited for the Day of such Neglect or Refusal. .....

Further Orders to the Scavengers

The Weekly Committee may direct any Carts to pass through other Ways than those that are Stated, Provided great Necessity may Require the same. ———

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to Furnish Mr. James S. Lovell with a Copy of the Foregoing Vote

The following Communications were made in writing from the Board of Select Men. viz —

Selectmen's Communication

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Boston at Faneuil Hall May 13. Eighteen hundred, and continued by adjournment to the thirty first of said May ... On motion,

Voted, That the Thanks of the Town be hereby given the Board of Health for their eminent Services in the Discharge of the Duties of their Office the last Year. ... Signed

William Cooper Town Clerk.

Select men's Communication

At a Meeting of the Select Men June 4th Eighteen hundred — Voted, That Mr. Tilden and Mr. Sturgis be a Committee to confer with the Committee of the Board of Health on any Matters that may require the consideration and concurrence of the two Boards

Signed Charles Bulfinch Chairman.

June 25

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present, Paul Revere Esqr. Wm. Hinckley Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Benjamin Sumner Mr. Benjamin Hesseneden Junr. Mr. John Wells. and Amasa Davis Esqr.

The Subject of a Nuisance on Oliver's Dock, owing to the Lot of Land lately sold by the Town, being too high was taken up — Whereupon Voted, That the Committee of Conference confer with the Board of Select Men, and to inform them, that in the Opinion of this Board their immediate attention is necessary —

Nuisance on Oliver's Dock

The Committee on Accounts submitted the following, which were severally passed and allowed — viz — To the Order of James S. Lovell Three hundred and Seventy-five Dollars; to Thomas Harris Six Dollars and Fifty four Cents — To Murdock and Tyler Fourteen Dollars — To David Goodwin Thirty Nine Dollars. making in the whole the Sum of Four Hundred and Thirty four Dollars, and Fifty-four Cents. ——

Accounts passed

The Committee also presented an Account from Mr. Hawes, which was recommitted, and the Committee appointed on the Repairs of the Sedans, requested to confer with Mr. Hawes. ——

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Voted, That the Secretary publish the following Advertisement — Viz —

Health Office, June 26 1800.

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Notification respecting Dirt Carts.

By a late Regulation of this Board, the Inhabitants have been Notified respecting the necessity of bringing or sending into the Streets before the hours of Nine in the Morning the Dirt and Filth Necessarily made in their Families, & on the Stated Days on which the Scavengers pass through the several Wards — They are sorry however, to observe, that for want of attention to this Rule, in some parts of the Town, complaints have arisen, and Neglect imputed to the Scavengers. It is but Just to Observe, that Six Horses, Carts, and Drivers, in the Opinion of the Board, are sufficient for this Purpose, while the Inhabitants on their parts comply with the Then parts of the Regulation, such as sweeping before their Doors, or causing it to be seasonably done. —

To prevent unnecessary Delay, and an Appearance of partial attention, the Scavengers are Strictly forbid entering Houses or Yards of any Inhabitants, or Receiving any pecuniary Consideration — The Carts will pass through Wards N.o 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, & 11 on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday — Through Wards N.o 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 On Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Adjourned

At a Meeting of the Board held this

July 2 Day — Present, Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Christopher Marshall Esqr. Capt. M. Lincoln, Mr. James White, and Mr. John Wells.

Voted, That the following Advertisement be immediately inserted in three Public News papers

Advertisement respecting further Regulations in Quarantine

" Whereas it too frequently happens that Persons have landed in some out port, from Vessels bound to Boston, which Vessels, when they arrive in Boston Harbour, are Obliged to perform Quarantine" — The Board of Health for the Town of Boston, publish the following, in addition to their Regulations — Viz —

Voted — Any Master, Mate, Mariner, or Passenger, who shall land from any Vessel coming from any Port, which this Board shall have deemed infected, or unhealthy, or from such Port or ports as they have directed Vessels to perform Quarantine, and shall come to the Town of Boston before said Vessel shall have performed Quarantine at Rainsford Island, shall be Viewed as breaking the Regulations of said Board, and shall be dealt with Accordingly.

Voted, That from and after the Sixth Day of July, instant until the First day of November next, no imported untanned Hides, shall be landed on any part of the Town of Boston, except on some Island in the Harbour —

Signed Paul Revere President

Attest
Jno. W. Folsom Secty

The President laid on the Table a Letter of Application from James Anthony of the Schooner Sally from New Providence, for permission to proceed to Town, being

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Application from Capt. Anthony.

loaded with Fruit Whereupon Voted, That said Schoo. be permitted to proceed to Town, provided the Visiting Physician is of Opinion, it can be done with Safety

Adjourned.

July 9

At a Meeting of the Board, held this Day — Present Josiah Snelling in the Chair, James Prince Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Capt. Benj.a Sumner. Mr. Benjamin Hopkinson Jun.r Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. John Wells, and Mr. James White.

Case of Brig Minerva.

On Application of Mr. Sargeant owner of Brig Minerva, now Performing Quarantine was taken up The Visiting Physician stated to the Board a variety of Circumstances relative to Sickness which had been on board and particularly respecting two sick Men landed at Martins Viney and several Days since, and from whom no further tidings has been received.

On Motion, Whether the Rule & Regulations of this Board Respecting Quarantine shall be so far dispensed with, as to permit the Brig Minerva to proceed to Town, leaving the Crew and Cargo of said Brig at Rainsford Island passed in the Negative

Adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present — Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling John Winslow Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Christopher Marshall Esq. Capt. Mitchele Lincoln, Capt. Benj.a Sumner, Amasa Davis Esqr. Mr. Benj.a Hessenden Jun.r and Mr. James White

Peckham's Petition withdrawn

A Letter was Received from Philip Peckham Passenger on Board the Schooner Experiment, Captain Fairbanks from St. Thomas's now performing Quarantine at Rainsford Island, Requesting Permission to come to Town and proceed immediately to Providence — Whereupon Voted, That the Petitioner have leave to withdraw his Petition —

Direction to Messinger

Voted, That the Messinger attending every Meeting of the Board, suffer no Person to enter without Permission from the Board.

Minerva not permitted to come to Town. —

Mr. Sergeant appeared in behalf of the Brigt. Minerva, requesting she might be Permitted to proceed to Town, under such Restrictions and Regulations respecting her Cargo & Crew, as they may direct — On Motion That the Brig Minerva be permitted to proceed to Town, before the time of her Quarantine has expired, provided the Captain, Passengers and Crew remain at the Island, passed in the Negative. ——

Additional Regulations

Additional Regulations for Quarantine

The Board of Health, to prevent unnecessary inconvenience to the Trade have directed, That Vessels arriving within the Harbour of Boston except such as are from Ports deemed infectious should, prior to their passing South Independence, on Castle Island, be examined, and if the

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and if the answers should be satisfactory, That they might be permitted to come up to town without further hindrance And Whereas information has been made to the Board that Vessels have attempted to pass through Budding Point Channel to avoid examination at the Castle, whereby the Public Health may be endangered.

It is therefore Voted, That from and after the passing of this Vote, any Vessels entering the Harbour through a Channel by Reason whereof she cannot be hailed and examined at the Castle, shall be subject to Quarantine and shall not lay at any of the Wharves within the Town nor shall any Person go from, or on Board said Vessel until she has been examined and cleared by the Visiting Physician; and any Person or Persons who should contravene the present Regulation, will be considered as having Violated the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health, and prosecuted Accordingly.

Voted, That the foregoing be immediately published Signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary — Adjourned

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July 23d

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, James Prince Esqr. Christr. Marshall Esqr. Capt. Benj. Sumner, Capt. N. Lincoln, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. Benj. Hessenden Junr. Mr. John Wells

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be requested to make the necessary Enquiries of Mr. Thomas Thrax respecting his piloting to the Inner Harbour of Boston the U States Ship Boston, without directing said Ship to perform Quarantine, and to take such further Measures

(Summons to Mr. Thrax —)

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in this Case as shall appear to Necessary to carry into Effect the Rules and Regulations of this Board, respecting Quarantine.

Voted That the Secretary be directed immediately to Notify the several Pilots that the Directions published in May last, respecting a Quarantine on Vessels arriving from Ports in the West Indies, and elsewhere, Copies of which have been transmitted to them, extend to all Vessels Public or Private, and to govern themselves Accordingly

Voted, That the Board of Health, be a Committee to visit Rainsford's Island on Wednesday next, for the purpose of viewing the Buildings now erecting on the Island, as additional Accommodations for the Sick and to give such further directions, as may necessary to answer its Public Utility and Convenience.

Voted That the Secretary be directed to provide the necessary Refreshments, and in the Name of the Board to Invite the Visiting Physician, Capt. Gates, Mr. Lovell, Mr. Knox, Mr. Balch, Mr. Sheaffe, Capt. Gardner, and Mr. Head.

Adjourned

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July 30

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day at Rainsford's Island — Present Paul Revere Esq.r John Winslow Esq.r Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt.n Benj.a Sumner Christopher Marshall Esq.r Mr. James White Amasa Davis Esq.r and Mr. Benj.a Hesselden Jr.

Drafts for July

The following Accounts were presented by the Secretary passed and Allowed, Viz — To the Order of James S. Lovell Four hundred and five Dollars To John W. Folsom One hundred and twelve Dollars fifty Cents, To Joseph Platt Sixty Dollars, To Sam.l Leeds, Sixty Dollars, To William Phillips, Eighty-seven Dollars and fifty Cents, To William Hawes Thirty-five Dollars, and to Benj.a Russell Seven Dollars and fifty Cents, making in the whole the Sum of Seven Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars and fifty Cents ——

The Secretary also presented an Accounts from D.r Thomas Welsh, and Mr. Thomas Shear — Whereupon Voted, That said Accounts be submitted to the Committee on Accounts, and, that they be requested to Report at the next Meeting — — — — — — —

Adjourned.

August 4 At a Special Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Josiah Snelling President pro tem. & Thos Winslow Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Sumner Capt. M. Lincoln, Mr. Thomas Lewis, and Mr. James White

Voted, That the Visiting Physician of this Board, be desired to request the assistance of at least two Physicians Members of the Massachusetts Medical Society to examine into the State of the Cargo of the Ship Ulysses David Lamb Master, from China, now in this Port, — the Measures proper to be taken respecting the same, to guard against any injury to the Public Health, and that they Report the same to the Weekly Committee of this Board

Ship Ulysses from China

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be empowered and directed to take such prompt and decided Measures on behalf of the Board of Health as the Report of the said Physicians may Render Necessary.

Voted, That two Members of the Weekly Committee be requested to attend the Physicians on the Examination of the Cargo of the Ship Ulysses Capt David Lamb from China —

Adjourned

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August 6

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esq.r John Winslow Esq.r Mr. Josiah Snelling James Prince Esq.r Capt. Benjamin Turner Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Mr. Benjamin Tyssenden Jun.r and Mr. John Wells.

Civil Reports respecting the Yellow Fever propagated by Sextons

A Representation having been made by a Respectable Physician in the Town of Boston, that one or more of the Sextons within this Town had circulated some Reports of a Case of the Yellow Fever, which was totally unfounded, and which not only tended to wound the feelings and a Reputation of the Faculty but to create unnecessary alarm, and at a time, when by the blessing of God, a remarkable degree of Health prevailed — Whereupon Voted That the Health Committee be requested to cite the said Sextons to appear before them, and to adopt such measures as may appear to them proper and expedient —

Direction to Committee of Inspection

Voted, That the Committee of Inspection be requested to make Enquiry of the Select Men respecting the Charges hitherto allowed by them to the Keeper of Rainsford's Island, for his Attendance and Boarding the Sick —

Direction to the Sec.y respecting Claim against Newburyport. —

Voted That the Secretary transmit the Accounts against sundry Persons belonging to Newburyport exhibited by Mr. Thomas Shear, and that he inform the Chairman of the Select Men for said Town, the propriety of those Accounts being Discharg

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present. Mr. Josiah Harding, John Winslow Esqr. Christr. [illegible] Esqr. James Rowe Esqr. Capt. [illegible] Esqr. Benjamin Hammatt Esqr. Mr. Thos. Davis Esqr. Mr. James White and Mr. Tho. Lewis —

Voted. That no Permit shall be granted to any Person to Land on Rainsford Island, except on extraordinary Occasions, to be determined by the Weekly Committee, and that Mr. Bean, the Keeper of the Island be directed to detain all Persons who shall go on Shore there, contrary to Law. — —

Voted. That no Sloops shall in future be landed on Lovells or Rainsford Island unless it is necessary to put them on Shore, they shall be landed on such Island as the owner can obtain Permission, and in the Opinion of the Visiting Physician, he may therefor —

Capt. Western Master of the Schooner Olive appeared to request the Board would not proceed in the Prosecution commenced against him, and gave his Reasons, and stated a variety of Circumstances in extenuation of the Crime, for which he stands charged — The Board having taken his Case into consideration — On Motion, Voted, To suspend further proceedings on said Business, 'till the next Regular Meeting of the Board, based in the Affirmative

Voted. That the Weekly Committee be Requested to inform the Collector of the Revenue at the Port of Boston and Charlestown of the Regulations entered into

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between the Board of Health for the Town of Boston and the Board of Health for the City of Philadelphia and to request, that no persons from that Port be permitted to enter without producing a Certificate, that said Vessel has deposited in this Office such Bill of Health

Agreeable to the Instructions given to the visiting Physician by a Vote passed by the Weekly Committee he appeared and gave a verbal Report by which it appears the Town enjoys a state of Health as favorable as at any Period for many Years past.—

Whereupon Voted, That the Secretary be directed to give publicity to the following Advertisement immediately — viz.

Health Office Augt. 13 1800.

It having been represented to the Board, that a Report was in Circulation amongst their Country Brethren, of the prevalence of a Contagious Disorder within the Town. They have made enquiry of the several Physicians practising within the Town; and are happy in being able to declare. That the said Report is wholly unfounded, and that the Town enjoys a State of Health as favorable as at any Period for many Years past.

The Board of Health, pledge themselves to the Public to give them the earliest information should the Town be unfortunately visited with any Contagious Sickness, and they request a Continuance of the Public Confidence, so far as to discredit and discourage such Reports so injurious to the mutual Interests of Town and Country

Signed Paul Revere Chn.

Attest Sec.

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August 13. The Committee appointed at the last Meeting to cite several Persons to appear before the Weekly Committee, in consequence of some injurious Reports of Sickness, said to be propagated by them — Reported. That they had summoned Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Rogers (Mr. Clark being sick) respecting the Injurious Reports said to be propagated by them — They informed the Committee that Mr. Clark had made such Reports in the Case of a Woman who died at Mr. Tuttle's, but they were not of that Opinion, and had reason to think Mr. Clark was deranged in mind —

Adjourned.

August 20 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Mr. Enoch Sweetser, Christopher Gore Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Hammet, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. James White, Mr. John Wells.....

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to inform the visiting Physician, that the Nine Days Quarantine ordered on all Vessels from Quarantine Ports, and not considered subjects to a longer Period, be considered to include the term of Seventy-two Hours. — —

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be requested to inform the Collector for the Port of Boston and Charlestown, that the Vote passed sometime since directing a Certificate of Health from this Office to be given to Vessels discharged from Quarantine, which Certificates were intended to be executed in the Office with the Seal

August 20. pavious to such Vessel being Permitted to Entry, has not in several Instances been complied with, but they have been permitted to enter and discharge their Cargo contrary to the meaning and intention of this Regulation.

Voted, That at future Meetings of this Board the Secretary be directed to notify the several Members to appear at Four o'Clock P.M.

August 22 At a Special Meeting of the Board held this Day, Present Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Benjamin Skinner, Capt. Stitchell Lincoln, John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Benjamin Hazzenden Jr. and Mr. John Wells.—

Voted, That a suitable Person be appointed to Reside at Rainsford's Island, as a Superintendant to attend to carry into Effect the Regulations of this Board respecting Quarantine—

Voted, That Paul Revere Esqr. James Prince Esqr. and John Winslow Esqr. be a Committee with power to procure some suitable Person for the purpose abovementioned—

Voted, That all Vessels arriving from Norfolk (Virginia) perform Quarantine, under the same Regulations and Restrictions, as those coming from ports deemed infectious—

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish the foregoing, and to send a Copy to the Commanding Officer at Fort Independence on Castle Island.—

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August 22 Voted. That no Permit shall be granted to any Person to land on Rainsford's Island, except on the most urgent necessity, to be determined by the Weekly Committee — The Permit to be signed by at least one of the Committee and another Member of the Board, and countersigned by the Secretary. —

That the Board be united & attend the Weekly Meetings of this Board on Wednesday at four o'Clock, P.M. and that the Secretary immediately transmit a Copy of said Vote to Mr. Spear, Keeper of Rainsford Island.

The Case of a Schooner from Bermuda, the Property of Mr. David Green, was submitted to the Weekly Committee.

Copy of a Letter to Mr. Thomas Spear

Sir

The Board of Health having thought it advisable to send one of their Members to Rainsford Island to Regulate the conduct of persons and Vessels performing Quarantine, they have appointed Chas. Josh. Marshall Esqr. for this purpose, you will therefore follow the directions he may occasionally give you in their behalf as to the police to be established for the Crews of the different Vessels at the Island, and to see that they are carried into Effect by aiding him all in your power. We doubt not, when you consider the importance of the Quarantine Regulations in some measure committed to you being no less than the Lives and Health of the Inhabitants of this great Metropolis you will see these Regulations will be necessary to carry them into Effect with the most rigid exactness. —

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The Board lament that so many instances have lately occurred of unlicenced Persons visiting the Island, a Circumstance highly improper because thereby the dearest Interests of the Inhabitants are put in Jeopardy — The Board trust and expect of you in future, that no Person be permitted to Land on the Island, without having Permits agreeable to the Vote of this Board transmitted you; and that should any Person without them, you directly secure and detain them agreeably to the 4th Section of the Health Law. — —

— The Board further direct, that you do not suffer any Boats or Person to Remain, or come on Shore on the Island after Sunset, except those sick in the Hospital, and they expect this Regulation is duly complied with.

Should any Master, Passenger, or other Person violate any of the Rules and Regulations of the Board, or conduct in an improper manner, you will make Reports of the same to Capt Marshall or the Visiting Physician, that he or they so offending may be prosecuted by the Board.

(The Instructions heretofore given you by the under Date Fourteenth August One thousand seven hundred and Ninety Nine, being so full and particular, and being at present in Force, the Board Recommend them to your frequent perusal as the Rule and Govt of your Conduct, and they doubt not and Expect you will carry them into completion in full Extention — — — — — dated Port au Prince Sept 4th

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At a Meeting of the Board, held this Day.— Present Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Josiah Snelling, James Prince Esqr. Capt. Benj. Sumner, Capt. Mitchel Lincoln Mr. John Wells, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. James White, and Mr. Benjamin Hazenden Junr.

The Committee on Accounts submitted the following Account, which was, agreed and allowed to the Order of James Lovell Viz —

Three Hundred and Ninety Dollars

Voted, That the Board of Health [illegible] Secretary be directed to provide some Necessary Small [illegible]

August 23.

At a Special Meeting of the Board held this Day. Present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Winslow Esqr. James Prince Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Mr. James White, and Mr. Josiah Snelling —

Application was made by a Son of Mr. Thomas Spear, for Permission to visit Rainsford's Island, but on a Motion, passed in the Negative —

Voted, That all Vessels arriving from Baltimore, till the further Orders of this Board, perform Quarantine, at Rainsford's Island under the same Regulations and Restrictions, as Vessels coming from Ports deemed Infectious — And that the Secy. be directed to give the foregoing Vote immediate publicity. —

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Voted, That the President be requested to send a Copy of the following Letter, directed to the Board of Health in Baltimore, and signed in behalf of this Board ... viz ...

Gentlemen,

In consequence of the Proceedings of the Board of Health, in Philadelphia, published here this Day, we have been induced to lay a Quarantine on all Vessels coming from Baltimore — We are sorry however, to lay any Embarrassments on our commercial Brethren but the Duty for which we are appointed, impels us to be Vigilant.

As the trade from Boston to Baltimore is considerable, we should be happy to enter into a similar agreement with you as we have already done with the Board of Health in Philadelphia, viz. That every Vessel going from Boston to that City, shall carry a Bill of Health, and every Vessel coming from there shall bring one. ...

Should these Proposals be agreeable to you Gentlemen, it will give us great pleasure to correspond with you. Were such agreements entered into with all commercial Cities in the Union, trade might be facilitated, and the State of Health in each place better ascertained. ...

Adjourned. ——

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Septem^r 3

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day.. Present Mr. Josiah Snelling in the Chair John Winslow Esq^r Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Capt. Mitchelle Lincoln, Mr. James White, Mr. Ben^a Hessenden Jr and Mr. John Wells. —

A Letter from Dr Haleburne addressed to the Presidents of the Board of Health on the subject of the Skine Pox not being contageous, was taken up, read, and Ordered to the next Weekly Meeting ..... Adjourned. ——

Sept^r 10

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day.. Present Paul Revere Esq^r. John Winslow Esq^r. James Prince Esq^r. Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Ben^a Sumner, Capt. Mitchele Lincoln Mr. James White, and Mr. John Wells. .....

Dr Jarvis appeared and informed the Board that three Persons were injected with the Small-pox in the Family of Mr. Apthorp near the Bottom of the Mall Viz A Nurse Maid Servant and Child.....

Voted, That James Prince Esq^r. John Winslow Esq^r and Mr. James White be a Committee directly to wait on Mr. Apthorp, and endeavor to have the Infected Persons removed to Dr. Aspinwalls Hospital at Brookline — The said Committee thereupon waited on Mr. Apthorp returned and made Report "That Mr. Apthorp would not consent to remove the injected Persons to Brookline Whereupon, it was further Voted, That the Weekly Com-

1800 mittee / to which was added Amasa Davis Esqr / cause a Fence to be placed round Mr. Apthorpe's House, and such other measures taken as the public safety may Require ...

Adjourned.

Sept.r 17 At a Meeting of the Board this Day the President having produced a Letter from James Prince Esqr. was Read, the purport of which was to Resign his Seat as a Member of the Board of Health, for Ward Number Seven —

Whereupon the President immediately caused his Warrant to be issued, for calling together the Inhabitants of said Ward for the Choice of a New Member agreeable to Law. —

There not being a sufficient number of Members present to form a Quorum no Votes were passed.

Adjourned. —

Sept.r 24 At a Meeting of the Board, this Day — Present, Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Mr. Thomas Lewis, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Christopher Marshall Esqr. and Capt. Benj.a Sumner

The following Accounts were presented, passed and allowed, viz — To James Lovell Three hundred and Ninety Dollars — To William Aspinwall Thirty Dollars and fifty Cents — To John W. Folsom Thirty

1800 Dollars, making in the whole the Sum of
Four Hundred fifty Dollars and fifty Cents

Sept.r 24. Messrs. Wheeler and Lincoln's Account
against the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
for Erecting Two Buildings on Rainsford's Island
agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court
under the Direction of this Board, amounting
to Nine hundred and sixty-two Dollars, and
Eighteen Cents was received and approbated.

Voted, That the Thanks of this Board
be given to James Prince Esqr. for his faith-
full services while a Member thereof.

Adjourned.

Sept.r 28. A Special Meeting of the Board was
this Day called /Sunday/ in consequence of
the Small Pox having again made its ap-
pearance in the Family of Child of John
Apthorp Esqr. near the Bottom of the Mall—
present. Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling
Amasa Davis Esqr. Capt. Hatchet Lincoln
Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Christopher Marshall
Esqr. Mr. Benjamin Hesperden Jr. and Mr.
James White.—

Amasa Davis Esqr. informed the Board
that he had waited on Mr. Apthorp in person,
and had enjoined upon him the necessity
of his immediate removal of the Child,

and

1800 the very great importance of agitating the Public
mind at this season of the Year when the trade
Sept.r 28. and prosperity of the Town might be greatly in=
jured thereby. He also produced a Letter from
Mr. Apthorp which he soon after Received which
was laid before the Board, and being read,
the purport was to represent the peculiar situa=
tion of his Family, and declining to comply with
the foregoing Request —

Whereupon Voted, That the Weekly
Committee, together with Amasa Davis Esqr.
be a Committee to wait again on Mr.
Apthorp, and endeavor to obtain his consent
to the Removal of the Child — But should
he persist in his Refusal, then the said Com=
mittee be empowered to Fence in the Premi
in such manner, and to provide such Guards
and attendants as shall appear to them ef=
fectually to secure the public safety ——

Adjourned

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At a Meeting of the Board this Day.-present. Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling John Winslow Esqr. Christ.r Marshall Esqr. Capt.n Benj.a Sumner, Capt. Mitchele Lincoln Mr. James White, and Mr. Benj.a Hesenden Jun.r

The President having laid before the Board a Return of the Warrants issued to the Constable of Ward Number Seven directing him to Notify the Inhabitants to Assemble for the choice of a Member to Represents said Ward at the Board of Health — wherein it appeared they had made choice of Mr. Samuel Sumner as their Represetative — He was accordingly declared to be duly Elected, and he appeared and took his Seat. —

The President also Read a polite Letter from James Prince Esqr. in answer to a Vote of Thanks communicated to him by the Secy

Adjourned.

Oct.r 8

At a Meeting of the Board this Day
Present.— Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling
John Winslow Esqr. Capt. Benj.a Sumner, Capt.
Mitchell Lincoln Christopher Marshall Esqr. Mr
James White, and Mr. Samuel Sumner. ——

Voted, That the Account of Mr. Thomas
Shear against the Estate of William Heath a
Mariner who lately died at Rainsford Island
amounting to Nine Dollars, be allowed, and
that the Committee on Accounts be Re=
quested to certify the same.— Also an Account
of Dr. Thomas Welsh, against the same Estate
amounting to Seven Dollars, is approved, and
passed to be allowed. —

Adjourned. —

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At a Meeting of the Board this Day
Present. Mr. Josiah Snelling in the Chair—
John Winslow Esqr. Christr. Marshall Esqr. Capt.
Benj.a Sumner, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Aman
Davis Esqr. Mr. John Wells, and Mr. Sam.l Sumner

Voted, That whenever a Physician be=
longing to the Town of Boston, and a Mem=
of the Medical Society, shall give Informa=
to this Board, or the Weekly Committee there
of, that any Person within their Knowledge
shall be infected with the small Pox, or any

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their contageous Disorder, it shall be the Duty of the Board by their Weekly Committee to cause such Person or Persons to be immediately Removed .....

Voted, That Dr. Thomas Welsh be Equested to cause the House of Mr. Hering, from which a Child has this Day been Removed to Rainsford Island, infected with the Smale Pox to be properly cleansed, and to render his Account to the Committee ——

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be Equested to take such measures as the Laws authorize in detecting the flagrant breach of the Orders of the Board, committed by Daniel Hering, in wantonly concealing a Bed supposed to be strongly infected with the Small Pox, and enquire for what purpose the said Hering extracted a Quantity of infectious matter from his Child, and what he has done with the same, in Order that said Offender may be brought to Justice ——

Voted, That the Secy. be directed to Notify Mr. Charles Cole, one of the Branch Pilots for the port of Boston, to appear before this Board on Wednesday next ——

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Oct.r 22. At a Meeting of the Board, held this Day Present Josiah Snelling in the Chair Boston. John Winslow Esq.r Capt. Benj.a Sumner Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, Christopher Marshall Esq.r Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. James White, & Mr. John Wells. —

Voted, That Benjamin Davis Esq.r be a Committee, to procure a Quantity of Sheets and Bed Bunks for the Use of the Sick at Rainsford Island. —

Adjourned.

Oct.r 29 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present, Paul Revere Esq.r Mr. Josiah Snelling, John Winslow Esq.r Christopher Marshall Esq.r Capt. Benjamin Sumner Mr. Benjamin Stephenson Jun.r Mr. John Wells, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln, and Mr. Samuel Sumner

Voted, That from and after this Publication and until the further Orders of this Board all Vessels arriving from any Port that has been subject to Quarantine, be so far taken off that the may hereafter proceed up the Harbour and anchor at the Long Wharf; those arriving from within the Straights of Gibraltar, Havannah, and Demarara excepted, [illegible] Masters of such Vessels shall directly after coming to this Board to pass an Examination respecting the Health of the Crew, and the Quality of the Cargo —

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Oct.r 29 Vessels having the Small Pox, or other Sickness on Board, to be detained at the Castle, untill examined by the Visiting Physician of this Board — And the several Pilots will take Notice, and govern themselves Accordingly

Voted, That from and after this Publication all Vessels arriving from Cadiz, perform Quarantine at Rainsford Island, under the Direction of the Visiting Physician of this Board, untill further Orders, — And the several Pilots will take Notice and govern themselves Accordingly

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish the foregoing in a Newspaper printed in Boston ...

Voted, That the Term of Quarantine on Vessels arriving from Cadiz extend to Thirty Days—

Voted, That the Six Horses and Carts employed by this Board for carrying away the Filth and Dirt of the Town, be discontinued after the thirty-first instant ...

Voted, That the following Accounts presented to the Secretary be passed and allowed viz.— To the Order of Samuel Lovell Four Hundred and five Dollars — To Christopher Marshall Esq.r One Hundred and Eighty Dollars — To John W. Folsom One hundred and twelve Dollars & fifty Cents — To William Phillips Eighty seven

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Dollars, and Fifty Cents, Joseph Pratt Sixty

Octr 29 Dollars - to Samuel Leeds Sixty Dollars to

Benjamin Russell 72.50 Making in the whole

the Sum of Nine Hundred and Twelve Dollars

Fifty Cents.

Voted, That Isaac Winslow and Paul

Revere Esqrs be a Committee to Ascertain whe-

ther the Sale of this Commonwealth which place

Rainsford Island under the Direction of the Boa

of Health for the Town of Boston, extend so far

as that the Keeper of said Island shall be

under the complete direction and controul of

this Board. — Adjourned. — — — —

Novr 5 At a Meeting of the Board held this

Day. - Present Paul Revere Esqr Isaac Winslow Esqr

Mr Josiah Snelling Chas Mr Mackintosh Esqr Mr Sam

Sumner Mr Thomas Lewis, and Mr James White

On the Petition of a number of Fishermen

to bring their Fish into the Town of Boston three

Winter Months without taking out the Entail

Voted, That the Petitioners have Leave to

withdraw their Petition.

Adjourned.

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Novr 12 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day. Present, Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Isaiah Shelling, Christopher Marshall Esqr. Capt. Mo. Lincoln, Capt Benj.a Sumner Mr. Samuel Sumner and Mr. James White.

Voted, That from and after this Publication, and until the Further Orders of this Board, all Vessels arriving from Marblehead, perform Quarantine at Clarks Island, under the usual Restrictions and Regulations, and until discharged by the Visiting Physician of this Board.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to publish the foregoing as soon as may be.

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be empowered to take into consideration, the late Accounts from Marblehead, of the Prevalence of the Small Pox, and to adopt such measures by erecting Smoak houses in the Vicinity of the Town of Boston, or by any other Means which shall appear to them best to prevent the introduction of this Pestilential Disorder.

The President having informed the Board that Mr. John T. Apthorp had refused to discharge the Necessary Expences incurred by Fencing & guarding his Premises lately infected with the Small Pox, agreeable to Law. Whereupon Voted, That the Weekly Committee be Requested to take the Necessary steps for the immediate Recovery of the same.

Voted, That the Secry. be directed to notify the Weekly Meeting of the Board, at three O'Clock P. M. this instant Nov.

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Nov. 19 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — present, Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Mr. Lincoln, Capt. Benj.a Sumner Mr. John Welles and Mr. Samuel Sumner. — —

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to send a Letter in Behalf of this Board, to the Select Men of the Town of Marblehead to Request information respecting the Small Pox, and what Measures have been, or are intended to be taken to prevent the Spreading the same. — — —

Adjourned. —

Nov.r 29 At a Special Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. Mitchel Lincoln, Capt. Benjamin Sumner, Mr. Samuel Hide, Mr. John Welles, Mr. Benjamin Stevens and Mr. Samuel Sumner.

The Subject of Quarantine Hospital —

Voted, That the present Restrictions & Quarantine be taken off from all Vessels arriving from foreign Ports, whose Crew and Passengers are well except those arriving from Cadiz — Who are hereby ordered to cast Anchor at Castle Island and examined by the visiting Physician of this Board.

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be

1800 requested to inform the Collector of the Revenue of the foregoing Vote. —

Voted, That Office Hours during the Ensuing Season, be held from Ten to One O'Clock A. M. and that the Meetings of the Board be held once in every Fortnight at Twelve o'Clock P.M.

A Letter from the Select Men of Marblehead respecting the situation of the Sick & Lame in that Town, was read and Ordered to be placed on the Files —

Voted, That Pratt and Leeds, the two Boatmen employed by this Board, be discharged on the second Day of the ensuing Month. —

Adjourned —

Sept. 10

At a Meeting of the Board, held this Day — Six Members only Appeared, which not being a Quorum, no Business was transacted

Adjourned —

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Dec. 24.

At a Meeting of the Board held this Day. Present Paul Revere Esqr. - Jhn Winslow Esqr Mr Ezekiel Lothing, Capt. Benj. Sumner Mr. Benj.a Pierpont Jun.r Mr. James White, and Mr. Saml. Sumner --

The Secretary presented the following Accounts, which were Voted and allowed — viz

To Samuel Leeds Twenty Dollars, To Joseph Batt Twenty Dollars, making in the whole the sum of Forty Dollars. --

Voted. That the Committee of the Week make the necessary Inquiries of Mr. Apthorpe respecting one Sally Loring who was sent by Order of the Board, to Brookline Hospital sick with the Small Pox, in order that the Accounts of Dr. Aspinwal, for his Attendance &c. may be discharged by the proper Person agreeable to Law.

Adjourned.

June 7 At a Meeting of the Board held This Day — Present. Mr Josiah Snelling in the Chair, Hon.ble John Winslow Esqr. Capt.n Benjamin Sumner Capt.n Mitchell Lincoln, Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. James White, and Mr. Benjamin Hepburden Junr.

Messrs. Samuel and Jonas Welsh, having presented the Board of Health for the Town of B.ton with an Account charging Damages for detention & the use of the Mills from

June 15th to October 1799.	$405.31
From June 15 to October 1800.	350."
	755.31

Making in the whole the sum of Seven hundred and fifty five Dollars thirty one Cents — Whereupon Voted, "That in the Opinion of this Board the same is an unlawful charge and cannot be allowed"

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be enquired to take of the Quarantine on all Vessels from Marblehead, whenever Official Information shall be received, that said Town is free from Infection —

Voted, That all Accounts exhibited to this Board, chargeable to the Commonwealth be paid by the Board, and that the same be charged in Account against the Commonwealth.

Adjourned.

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Janry 21 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling, John Winslow Esqr. Capt. Benj.a Sumner Capt. N. Lincoln, Christr. Marshall Esqr. Mr. John Wells Mr. Samuel Sumner, & Mr. Benj.a Hallenden Jr.

Voted. That all Vessels arriving from any Ports in Spain shall be brought to Anchor by the Pilots at Rainsford's Island to perform Quarantine under the Direction of this Board

Adjourned.

Janry 28. At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr, John Winslow Esqr Mr. Josiah Snelling, Capt. N. Lincoln Amasa Davis Esqr Mr. Thomas Lewis, and Mr. Saml. Sumner.

Voted. That there be a Seal procured for the Board of Health, and that Paul Revere Esqr. and John Winslow Esqr. be a Committee, to form a suitable Device, and to have the same completed.

Voted, That John Winslow Esqr. and Amasa Davis Esqr. be a Committee to draft a Petition to the General Court, respecting further improvements necessary to be made at Rainsford's Island, for the better Accommodation of the Sick,

The following Accounts were presented to the Secretary, passed and allowed viz.t Thomas Thomas Three hundred forty two Dollars forty one Cents
To Dr. Thomas Welsh One hundred & twelve Dollars

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To James Minzie Six Dollars & Ninety Five Cents
To Thomas Bartlett four Dollars & ten Cents. —
To Benj.ª Bayfield Seven Dollars and fifty Cents To
William Hilliers Eighty seven Dollars and fifty Cents
To William Copeinvale Thirty six Dollars. To Thomas
Newman Fifteen Dollars. To Mrs. Mary Crane
Ninety Dollars, and to John H. Tolman One
hundred and twelve Dollars, making in the Whole
the sum of Nine hundred and Eleven Dollars
Ninety six Cents. Adjourned. ———

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At a Meeting of the Board held this
Day. Present Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr.
Mr. Josiah Sterling, Mr. Thomas Lewis Howard Lewis,
Mr. Clarence Sumner.

The Committee appointed to draft a Petition
to the Honble General Court, Reported the following
which was read and accepted viz ———

To the Honorable Senate, and the Honorable
House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts viz.

The Board of Health for the Town of Boston
beg leave to Represent to your Honors, that in their
Opinion, it is highly necessary for the Convenience of
the Sick, that a Well should be dug, at the South West
head of the Hospital Island, nigh the Long Hospital.
That all Communication may be cut off between
them and the other Buildings on said Island, when ma-
lignant and contagious Fevers prevail, which cannot
be effected unless Water can be Obtained near to said
Hospital. — An Addition is also much wanted

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to the small Pox Hospital of about Eighteen feet Square, in which there should be a Chimney for the accommodation of the Nurses &c. to warm the Necessaries for the sick — The present Building with the proposed Addition ought to have six small Windows of twelve squares 7 by 9 Glass which allows two Windows to each Room, and the outside of s^d Building ought to be shingled, or clapboarded —

It is the opinion of the Board of Health that it would be consistent with strict Oeconomy to have the Door Window & Window Frames &c. of the New Building painted.

We herewith present an Estimate of the probable expence of the above except the Well the Expence of which cannot be ascertained, not knowing what Obstructions may be met with in Digging, but from present Appearances it need not be dug more than ten or twelve feet —

By Order, and

in behalf of the Board of Health

(Signed) Paul Revere President

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Feby 25. At a Meeting of the Board held This Day — Present Mr Josiah Snelling, John Hancock Esqr Christopher Marshall Esqr Mr Thomas Lewis, Amasa Davis Esqr, Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Mr Samuel Sumner & Mr Benjamin Hessenden Jr. ——

There being no Business, the Board Adjourned. ——

March 11 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr, Mr Josiah Snelling Christopher Marshall Esqr Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Capt. Benjamin Summer, Mr Benja Hessenden Jr and Mr James White ——

On Motion, Voted, That Capt. Benjamin Summer, Amasa Davis Esqr and Mr James White be a Committee to make an Arrangement for keeping a List of the Sick &c. for the government of Mr Spear at Rainsford's Island. ——

Voted That the Secretary be directed to call a Meeting of the Board on Wednesday next, at three o'Clock P. M.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to conform to the Law of this Commonwealth by Giving Public Notice in due time of the Business to the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston, to meet in their several Wards for the choice of Members for the Board of Health ——

Adjourned

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Mar. 18 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day. Present Paul Revere Esqr. Solon Thaxter Esqr, Mr. Josiah Snelling Amasa Davis Esqr. Capt. Mitchell Lincoln Capt. Benjamin Sumner Mr. Benja. Hephenson Jr. Mr. John Wells Mr. Thomas Lewis, Mr. Samuel Sumner, Christopher Marshall Esqr and Mr. James H. Vite. —

The following Communication from the Select Men was laid on the table viz —

At a legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Ninth day of March 1801. —

The Petition of James Peat praying liberty to erect a Fish Stall on the Mile Creek was read — Whereupon Voted, "That the Consideration of said Petition be Referred to the Board of Health who are desired to make Report at the Adjournment of this Meeting"

Signed Wm. Cooper Town Clerk. —

Voted, That the Secretary be Requested to procure the aforementioned Petition, for the Consideration of the Board at their next Meeting

The Secretary of the Board, presented a Letter stating the Services of his Department the Year past and the Monies which have been allowed to the Executive Officers of the Board, and praying to have his Salary for the Year past Augmented, and placed on the Original Establishments —

Whereupon Voted, that the Sum of One hundred Dollars be granted and allowed to the Secretary of this Board as an addition for his Services the Year past

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Mar. 18 Voted, That the sum of Twenty Dollars be granted and allowed to the Messenger of this Board as an Addition for his Services the Year past.

Mar. 25 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day — Present Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Snelling Capt. Benj.a Sumner Mr. Benj.a Hallowell Jr. Mr. James White Mr. John Hill, & Mr. Samuel Sumner —

The Petition of James Platt praying for leave to have a Box to vend Fish on the Draw Bridge being committed to the Board of Health

Voted Unanimously That Fish Boxes over the Mill Creek comes within the Regulation of this Board — They are however of Opinion that the passage over the Bridge being very Narrow it will be an Improper place to allow a Fish Box to be placed on said Bridge or within ten feet of the Street.——

The following Accounts was presented by the Secretary, passed and allowed — viz — To Russell & Cutler Forty-seven Dollars, — To Adams & Rhoads Twenty-five Dollars, To Benjamin Russell Seven Dollars and fifty Cents, To Isaac Hall Nine Dollars, To John Wilson One hundred and twelve Dollars & fifty Cents, in addition to the Sum Dollars granted at the last Session —— To William Phillips Eighty seven Dollars and fifty Cents in addition to Seventy Dollars granted at the last Meeting. To Young & Minns Fifteen Dollars and twenty five Cents, To Mr. James White Seven Dollars and Seventy seven Cents, making in the whole the amount of

Nine Hundred and Nineteen Dollars and Sixty two Cents.

Voted, That the Weekly Committee be requested to arrange for publication an Account of the Expenditures the Year past, that the same may be printed.

Voted, That this Meeting be adjourned to Thursday next at Twelve o'Clock P.M.

April 2 At a Meeting of the Board held this Day Present Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Mr. Josiah Sullivan, Capt. M. Lincoln Capt. Benjamin Sumner Mr. Benjamin Hazenden Jr. & Mr. Samuel Sumner, Mr. James White & Christopher Marshall Esqr.

The President laid on the Table Returns from a sufficient number of Wards to constitute two thirds of the number elected Members of the Board of Health for the Year ensuing.

Whereupon Voted, That the Secretary be directed to draft a Letter of Invitation to the new elected Members to be signed by the President, to appear To-Morrow at three o'Clock P.M. for the Organization of the new Board.

Voted This Meeting was then adjourned until Friday at three o'Clock P.M. then to meet at the usual Place.

New Board Organized.

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Apl. 3 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — Present, Paul Revere Esqr. John Winslow Esqr. Capt. M. Lincoln Capt Benj.a Sumner Mr. James Little Christ.r Marshal Esqr. Mr. Samuel Sumner The several Returns being read the new Members took their Seats as follows viz Mr. Josiah Snelling from Ward No. One Col. Robert Gardner from ~~Ward~~ Ward No. two Mr. William M.c Klean from Ward No. three Capt. Samuel Pierce from Ward No. four Capt. M Lincoln from Ward No. five Mr. Josiah Blanc from Ward No. six Mr. Samuel Sumner from Ward No. seven Capt. David Bradley from Ward No. Eight Mr. Henry Rose from Ward No. Nine John Winslow Esqr. from Ward No. Ten, Mr. William Dall from Ward No. Eleven. —

Voted, That the Thanks of the Board be given to Paul Revere Esqr. for his services the past year

The Ballot being taken for a President the ensuing year, John Winslow Esqr. had a majority of Votes and was chosen

The Ballot being taken for the choice of a Secretary Col. Robert Gardner had a majority of Votes and was chosen, and agreeable to Law the following Oath was administered to him —

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Art. 3 —
Oath of Secretary

I Robert Gardner do solemnly & sincerely swear, that in the Office of Secretary to the Board of Health, to which I have now been chosen, that I will make a Faithfull Record of all the Votes, Proceedings and Regulations of the said Board and faithfully perform the Duties of the said Office during my continuance therein — So Help me God —

Robert Gardner

Attest. — Paul Revere President

Choice of Messenger —

The Board proceeded by Ballot to the Choice of a Messenger and William Phillips was unanimously chosen. —

Rotation of the weekly committee —

Voted That the Division of the Board into weekly Committees, as practised by the former Boards be adopted as a Regulation of this Board and that they be arranged as follows —

First Week —

No. 1. Mr Josiah Snelling
2. " Robert Gardner
3. " William McKean.

Second Week —

No. 4. Mr Samuel Prince.
5. " Mitchel Lincoln. Jr
6. " Isaiah Doane. —

Third Week —

No. 7. Mr Samuel Sumner Jr
8. " David Bradlee
9. " Henry Rose. —

Fourth Week. —

No. 10 — John Winslow Esq.
11. " Eben.r T. Andrews. — Jr
12. " William Dall. — Jr

Voted That this Meeting be adjourned until Wednesday next then to meet at the usual Place at 4 o'Clock. P. M. —

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April 8th

At a Meeting of the Board of Health Held this Day — Present.

John Winslow Esq. President.

M.s. Josiah Snelling. David Bradly. William M.Kean —
Josiah Deane — William Dall — Henry Rose —
Samuel Prince — Mitchel Lincoln — Samuel Sumner.
Ebenezer T. Andrews, (who was this Day duly returned from Ward No. 11 and took his Seat accordingly) and the Secretary.

Genl. Regulations —

Voted That the Regulations for carrying into Effect the Objects of this Institution be the same that was adopted by the Board last year and published by Order of the Board the 16th day of April 1800. omitting the 16th Article & amending the 13th Article so that the same shall stand as follows —

Amendment to Art: 13 —

"Art: 13 — No Waste Water shall be suffered to run upon the surface of the Streets from any House, Building or Yard but the same shall be led into a common Sewer by the Owners of the Buildings. —

and that the Secretary cause the same to be Published for the Information of the Publick —

Light Carts —

Voted That the Light Carts belonging to the Town be under the Care of the Secretary for the year ensuing —

Treasurer.

Voted — That the Secretary be also the Treasurer of this Board. —

Contract for cleaning Streets &c. Advertised for.

Voted That the Secretary cause Advertisments to be published for Contracts for Cleaning Streets &c. the Year ensuing. agreeably to the following —

"The Board of Health"

Boston April 8. 1801 —

Notice is hereby Given That Proposals in writing, will be received at the Health Office from any Person or persons willing to Contract with this Board — To Collect, Take up and carry away all the Filth and Dirt occasionally made in the Streets Lanes and Yards of the Inhabitants of the Town from the first Day of May to the first Day of November next ensuing — The proposals are to be Sealed & Directed To the Secretary of the Board of Health and presented on or before Wednesday next at Noon — Bonds will be required for the Fulfillments of the Contract. —

By Order of the Board

Attest.
R. Gardner. Jun.

Signed
John Winslow — President.

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April 8 — Contract with Printers.

Voted That Mr Snelling and the Secretary be appointed to Contract with such Printers as they Deem proper to Publish for the Year ensuing all such matters and things as the Board may direct to be published —

Committee to Regulate the affairs of Rainsfords Island — Fees of Physicians &c

Voted That John Winslow Esq. Majr. William Dall & Samuel Sumner be a Committee to lay before this Board at their next Meeting such Regulations as to them may appear expedient, Relative to the ~~x x x y y y~~ Smoaking Vessels subject to the Operation the Salary to the Visiting Physician and General Expences of Rainsfords Island as also what Fees were proper for Examination of Vessels and smoaking and Cleansing the same and general Instructions to the Physician and Keeper of the Island —

Committee on Accounts. —

Voted That Majr. Josiah Dana, Josiah Snelling & Mitchell Winslow be the Committee for Examination of Accounts the Year ensuing —

Six Horses & Carts to be employed. —

Voted That it is Expedient that Six Carts and Six Horses with suitable Drivers be employed by this Board for the Service of the Town the Year ensuing and that the Board will Contract therefor accordingly. —

Committee to dispose of Dirt in the Common —

Voted That Mr Vose and Mr Dall be a Committee to dispose of the Dirt or Manure Laying at the Bottom of the Common. —

Carts to be repaired. —

Voted That the Weekly Committee be Requested to cause the Eight Carts immediately to be put in repair. —

Adjourned. —

Art: 4th amended

Voted That to Article 4th in the Regulations ordered to be published be added the Words "From the First Day of May to the First Day of November" which vote should have been recorded above. —

R Gardner — Supt —

— Adjourned —

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April 15

At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — Present —

John Winslow Esq. President

Messrs. Snelling. Lincoln. Sumner. McKean. Doane Vose. Andrews. Dall. Bradley.

and the Secretary

Voted That Gen Winslow. Mr Snelling and Mr Sumner be a Committee to confer with the Committee on Accounts respecting completion of the Accounts of last year. and estimates for the Expenses of the Year ensuing —

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The Committee to whom was referr'd the Business of Arranging the Affairs of Rainsfords Island. as far as respected Fees to be Paid for Cleansing Vessels performing Quarantine there Fees of Physician &c — reported —

Captains or Owners to lodge Doctors Certificate & receive Certificates from this office —

Fees to be of this Office —

Treasurer to keep Record of sums &c —

Fees of Physician —

Physician to visit Island daily

That they were of Opinion that on all Vessels which shall perform Quarantine for the coming year. the Visiting Physician shall examine them as heretofore has been usual and on finding them properly cleansed. He shall give a Certificate thereof which shall be lodged in the Health Office and on the Captain or Owners receiving a Certificate from said Office for the Custom House. He shall Pay the Treasurer Ten Dollars. which shall be in full for Examination of his Vessel & People by the Physician. for Smoaking and Cleansing and use of Boats. for each & every Vessel. all which the Treasurer shall be accountable for — and the Treasurer shall keep an Account of all monies so received and from whom and He shall also keep a Fair Record of the Name of every Vessel so reported and the time of her entry at this Office and from what Port she came and also of the name of the Captain — They were also of Opinion that the Visiting Physician should be paid for his Services the sum of Six Hundred Dollars p year. and that He should be obliged when as many as three Vessels were at the Island or any person was there sick, to visit the Island one every Day. during the time of Quarantine. and that whenever he should be called upon by any Number of this Board to determine a case he should attend thereto and for said Service he should make no additional Charge — That his Charges against any person who may be sick at the Island shall never exceed the sum of Five Dollars for his attendance and Medicine. which Sum he shall Collect from the persons so sick and attended. unless they should be unable to pay the same it shall then be paid by this Board & Charged to the Commonwealth. —

Fees Attendance sick to be paid by persons so sick —

in Case of Inability —

They —

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Keeper of the Island to keep a record —

The Committee were of Opinion that Mr. Thomas Spear the Keeper of Rainsfords Island shall keep a fair Record of every person's name landed at the Island and sick — the day of their Landing — the day of their Death or discharge — the Place of their Nativity and how long they have been Residents in this Commonwealth — That

to find Nurses —

the Keeper of the Island shall find all Nurses and attendance at his own expence and shall have from each and every person sick Five Dollars p Week to be collected by him from the persons

Allowance for Sick, p Week —

sick or in case of inability in them to pay the same then to be paid by this Board and Charged to the Commonwealth as in the case of the Physician — and that the said Keeper

Fees for Smoaking to be p^d by this Board

be allowed Five dollars for the Funeral Expences of every person who may die upon the Island — and that he be also allowed One Dollar for every Vessell he shall smoak and cleanse to be paid him by this Board who are to find all the necessarys for smoaking and cleansing. —

all which is Submitted

John Winslow Chairman —

Read & Accepted

Which Report was Read and accepted. —

Dr Welsh chosen Physician —

The Board proceeded to choose by Ballot a suitable Person to act as Physician under the Directions of the Board for the Year ensuing and conformable to the Terms above mentioned — and Doctor Thomas Welsh was chosen —

Folsom Scavenger —

The Secretary laid upon the Table proposals from Sundry persons to clean the Streets — and the Board accepted of the proposals of Mr John W. Folsom & directed the Contracts to be made accordingly —

Adjourned —

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At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day —
Present —
John Winslow Esq. President
Messrs. McKean. Snelling. Doane. Vose. Lincoln. Dall. Sumner. Andrews — and the Secretary —

Committee on the Health Certificates — & the Fees —

Voted That General Winslow. Mr Doane and Mr Dall. be a Committee to procure suitable Health Certificates to be issued from this Office to such Vessells as may need or apply for them and to determine the Fees therefor —

Persons at the Island Discharged by Order of the Weekly Committee.

Voted That the Keeper of Rainsfords Island be directed to suffer no person who has been sick at the Island to quit the same without Leave obtained in writing from the Weekly Committee of the Board —

Relative to the Ordinances against throwing Dirt Filth Animal Substances or Sweepings into Streets and Regulations of the Scavengers Carts —

Voted That no Person shall throw into any Street, Lane or Alley within the Town, any Dirt Filth Animal Substances or Sweepings of any kind, except on the Days the Scavengers of the Wards pass through with their Carts when they shall bring the same together with the Sweepings and Filth unnecessarily made in their Yards into the Streets before the Hours of 9 Oclock a.m. for the purpose of being carried away by the Scavenger and any of the Inhabitants refusing or neglecting to collect and bring out their Dirt for the purpose as aforesaid, will be considered as violating the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health, and in case any Scavenger neglects to carry away said Sweepings and Filth, it is required of the Inhabitants to whom such neglect is made to enter on the same day a complaint against such Scavenger, to the Board of Health. —

Voted That the Secretary cause the above vote to be Published and also the following

Health Office Boston Apl 22. 1801

Notice to the Inhabitants relative to the Ordinances & Regulations of the Scavengers Carts —

The Board of Health respectfully inform their Fellow Citizens That the Scavengers with their Carts employed for the purpose of removing the Dirt and Filth from the Streets for the coming Season, will commence their Operations upon the Morning of the first day of May next and that they will pass through the Several Wards in the following Order —

Cart No 1	through Ward No	1	Every	Cart No 1	through Ward No	2	Every
2	"	3	Monday	2	"	4	Tuesday
3	"	5	Wednesday	3	"	6	Thursday
4	"	7	Friday	4	"	8	Saturday
5	"	9		5	"	10	
6	"	11		6	"	12	

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The Secretary was directed to cause Publication of the following

Health Office Apl 22. 1801

Notice to Sellers of Fish in the Streets to desist —

Whereas many Persons in Violation of the Third Article of the Regulations of the Board of Health passed by them on the Eighth Day of the present Month & duly published - are daily carrying through the Streets in Wheelbarrows and Carts - Fish for Sale - Notice is hereby Given That every person who shall be found so offending after this Date will be prosecuted

By Order R Gardner Secy

Proposition of Dr Welsh —

Doctor Welsh proposed to the Board -

First - That one Dollar should be allowed from each Vessell examined by the Visiting Physician or cleansed at the Island - for the Purpose of defraying the Expenses of the Boat employed by him —

Secondly That in Certain Cases and with the approbation of the Weekly Committee - He should be allowed to charge more than Five Dollars for a Patient. —

Vote thereon "

Whereupon Voted That the second proposition of Dr. Welsh be complied with - and that with respect to his Forth proposition. This Board are willing at the end of the Year - to make him such further allowance for his Boat and Man as shall appear to them right and reasonable —

Adjourned —

At a Meeting of the Board of Health held This Day - Present

John Winslow Esq President

Messrs Snelling - McLean, Bradley - Vose - Lincoln - Prince - Sumner - Doane

and the Secretary.

Captains to return Certificates within 24 Hours -

Voted That every Captain of a Vessell which has been Examined by the Visiting Physician of this Board and who shall have received from him a Certificate of such Examination and thereby permitted to enter with his Vessell into the Inner Harbour and who shall neglect to return said Certificate into this Office within twenty four Hours after he shall have arrived in said Inner Harbour - shall forfeit and pay the sum of Fifty dollars - and that this Regulation of the Board be expressed on the Physicians Certificate. -

Bankers of Fish &c directed -

Voted That the Secretary under direction of the Weekly Committee cause Notice to be published to the Bankers of Provisions and Pickled Fish to appear within four days after such Publication to take the Oaths required of them to be taken before this Board by the laws of the State & the Regulations of the Board.

Health Certificates -

Voted That the Weekly Committee be requested to cause Advertisment to be made that Certificates of Health may be had on Application to this Office and that the Secretary be directed to issue the same conformable to the directions of the Board and that the fee thereof be one Dollar. -

Office open at 9 o'Clock -

Voted That from the first day of May the Office be opened for Business in the Afternoon. -

Additional Allowance to Folsom

Voted That an allowance of Seventy five Dollars be made J. W. Folsom - at the end of the Term of his contract - provided he complys with the Tenor of his letter to this Board of 29th of present month. -

Secretarys Salary & Messenger -

Voted The Secretary shall receive the sum of Five hundred & fifty dollars and the Messenger Three hundred and seventy dollars in full for their Services the present year. -

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April 29 Voted That the President and Mr Sumner be a Committee to Examine the Places through which Waste Water Runs into State Street and the Market and to make Report —

May 6 At a Meeting of the Board of Health, held
Quarantine. this Day — Present — John Winslow Esq. President.
Messrs. Snelling Mr. Doane Lincoln Prince Dall
Sumner and the Secretary.

Voted That from and after the 15 Instant untill the
Ordered to take place 15th instant. further Orders of this Board — All Vessells from any of the West India Islands or the Continents of America or Africa south of the Tropic — the Cape de Verd Islands or any Port within the Streights of Gibraltar or who in the course of their Voyage may have been at any Port within said Streights or from any other Port whatever where any Contageous or Malignant Disorder prevails or has recently prevailed — shall Perform Quarantine at Rainsfords Island prior to their entering the Inner Harbour of Boston under the direction of the visiting Physician of this Board — and that the Secretary cause this Order to be Published —

Voted That the Secretary serve each of the Pilots of this Port with the following Order —

Health Office May 6. 1801 —

To

Notice to Pilots viz. Thomas Knox — Robert Knox — Caleb Cole —

You are Hereby informed that the Board of Health for the Town of Boston have Ordered — That from and after the Fifteenth of the present Month and untill the further Orders of this Board — All Vessells from any of the West India Islands — or the Continents of America or Africa South of the Tropic — the Cape de Verd Islands or any Port within the Streights of Gibraltar or who in the course of their Voyage may have been at any Port within said Streights or from any other Port whatever where any Contageous or Malignant Disorder prevails or has recently prevailed — shall perform Quarantine under the Direction of Doctor Thomas Welsh the Visiting Physician of this Board and that all such Vessells are forbid to pass Port Independance untill examined by said Physician —

Inclosed you have a Law of this Commonwealth & Order that you may not plead Ignorance but observe the duty required of you by the 9th and 15th Section of the same —

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and you are also understand That the Rules & Regulations of this Board respecting Quarantine extend to all Vessells whether Public or Private and that you govern yourself accordingly. —

Voted That the following Letter be sent to the Officer Commanding Fort Independance. —

Health Office May 6. 1801

Directions to Officer Comm'd'g Fort Independance.

The Board of Health for the Town of Boston constituted by the General Court of this Commonwealth by an Act passed by them on the 20th Day of June 1799. Copy of which Act ~~they~~ we now inclose you. Have ordered that from and after the 15th Instant & untill their further Orders. all Vessells from any of the West India Islands or the Continents of America or Africa south of the Tropic the Cape de Verd Islands or any Port within the Straights of Gibraltar or who in the course of their Voyage may have been at any Port within said Straights or from any other Port whatever where any Contageous or Malignant disorder prevails or has recently prevailed shall perform Quarantine at Rainsfords Island prior to their entering the Inner Harbour of Boston under the direction of Doctor Thomas Welsh whom the Board have appointed their Visiting Physician.

And agreable to the First Section of an Act respecting Quarantine and Health Laws passed by the Congress of the United States on the 25th Day of February 1799. We pray you to assist the said Physician in the discharge of his Duty and that you detain and not suffer to pass your Garrison towards this Town all Vessells. Boats & Persons from any of the Ports or Places above mentioned or which by future Orders of this Board may be subjected to perform Quarantine. and that you will continue to detain such Vessell below your Fortress and not suffer them to pass the same untill the Master of Such Vessell produce to you the Certificate of said Physician that he has duly examined her and that she may proceed to Town with safety to the Inhabitants.

Committee to arrange with Fort for Quarantine Officers. —

Voted That General Winslow and Wendall be a Committee to wait upon the Collector of the Port of Boston & Charlestown. to ask his Cooperation in carrying into Effect the Regulations agreed upon respecting Quarantine. and to request that no Vessell may be admitted ~~to~~ to an Entry at the Custom House. which by the Orders of this Board may have been subject to Quarantine or Examination by the Visiting Physician of this ~~Port~~ Board. untill the Owner. Master or Consignee produce a Certificate from the Health Office. signed by their Secretary that she has been duly examined —

1801
May 6

The following was issued as Commission to Dr Welsh.—

Board of Heatth.

To Doctor Thomas Welsh.—

Physicians Commission.—

By Virtue of the 17th Section of a Law of this Commonwealth entitled "an Act to empower the Inhabitants of "the Town of Boston to choose a Board of Heatth, and for "removing and preventing Nuisances" passed the 20th Day of June A.D. 1799

The Board of Heatth for the Town of Boston at a legal Meeting held at their Office on the 15th Day of April A.D. 1801 choose you the Visiting Physician of said Board ~~for the year ensuing~~ and you are hereby invested with the powers and authorities in said Act mentioned.—

(Seal) In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and the Seal of the said Board.—

Attt: R Gardner Secy.— Sign'd John Winslow President.—

For the Regulations respecting Quarantine see Book Page 15. 1801 under Date April 15. " 29. " " in this Book

Adjourned.

1801
May 13

At a meeting of the Board of Heatth held This day.— Present. John Winslow Esq. President— Messrs. Snelling. McLean. Deane. Vose. Sumner. Prince. Dall. and the Secretary.—

Voted That the Secretary cause the following Orders of this Board to be published.— Viz.—

"Board of Heatth."

"Boston May 13. 1801

Vessells arriving at out Ports— how Heatth with—

"Whereas Vessells from Ports deem'd by this "Board Infectious and which Vessells are thereby subjected to per- "form Quarantine may enter at some of the Out Ports & attempt "to evade the Regulations of this Board. and Whereas also it has "frequently happened that persons have been landed from such "Vessells at some of the out Ports.— The Board of Heatth to "prevent such Evils in future. Order That every Vessell which may "arrive from a Port deemed by this Board Infectious and enter at "any of the out Ports in this Vicinity and which may hereafter come to "this Port. Or any person which may be landed from such Vessell at an "out Port and come to this Town. shall be obliged to perform Quarantine "at Rainsfords Island. in like manner as if such Vessell or Person should "not have been at such out Port, but arrived direct from an Infected Port.

By Order of the Board of Heatth

Attt: R Gardner Secy. Sign'd Jn Winslow Pres.

1801
May 13 —

"Board of Health."

Persons forbid to visit R. Isl.

"Whereas are forbid to Visit or on any Pretence whatever Boston May 13. 1801
"to Land on Rainsfords Island during the Continuance of the Quarantine
"without leave obtained in Writing from the Board of Health. under Penalty
"of Confinement at the Island in like manner as though they were actually
"infected with some Contagious or Malignant disorder agreable to the 14th
"Section of the Health Law — By Order of the Board of Health"
"Att. Gardner. Secy" — J Winslow. Pres. "

Voted that the following Instructions and Regulations be Communicated by the Visiting Physician to the Master or Commander of every Vessell which may be Visited to perform Quarantine — Viz —

No. — By the Board of Health —

Boston —

To ——— Master of the ——— called the ——— of ——— entering the Harbour of Boston, from ——— his Officers, Crew and Passengers, and to every Person on Board said Vessell —

Regulations for the Captain.

Whereas by a Law of this Commonwealth entitled "An Act to empower the Town of Boston to Choose a Board of Health, and for removing and preventing of Nuisances" Passed the 20th of June 1799, The Board of Health for the Town of Boston, are empowered, whenever and as often as they deem it Necessary for the Safety of the Town, to cause Vessells arriving within the Harbour of Boston to perform Quarantine under such Instructions, Regulations & Qualifications as they may Judge expedient. The Visiting Physician of the Board having made known to them that in his Opinion, you, your Vessell and Contents ought to perform Quarantine, and be Purified before you proceed to this Town — You and each of you, are thereby hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth, immediately to proceed with your Vessell to Anchor near Rainsfords Island (within the Outer Harbour of Boston) and there perform Quarantine, and be purified, together with your Cargo, Cloaths, Bedding, Bedding and every other matter and thing on Board your Vessell under & agreable to the directions of the Visiting Physician of this Board — Each day while performing Quarantine, you are to hoist the Red Flag (which will be delivered you for that purpose) at the Head of the Main Mast of your Vessell from Sun Rise to Sun set. — You are not to go out of your Vessell nor suffer any Letter, Packet, Paper, or other Thing of any kind or nature whatever, to be taken out, except to be landed on said Island for the purpose of Purification, and even then not without Permission of either the visiting Physician, or Keeper of said Island — You are not to suffer any Person to come on Board your Vessell on any Pretence whatever (except those employed by or under this Board) and in Case any Person should come on Board, you are to detain them untill they have Permission to go on Shore from the Visiting Physician. Should the Visiting Physician permit you or any of you to go on Shore at Rainsfords Island, you are not on any pretence whatever to go without the limitts of the Area designated on said Island by the Board or those that may be made by said Physician — You are to continue at Anchor near Rainsfords Island untill you obtain a Certificate from the Visiting Physician, that you, your Vessell and the Contents may come up to Town with Safety to the Inhabitants; which Certificate you are to leave at the Health Office and receive a Counter one directed to the Collector for the Port of Boston & Charlestown. — In Case you wish at any time the Keeper of the Island to come on Board you will hoist your Ensign or Jack in the Shrouds — You are herewith furnished with the Law or Quarantine for Ord. that you may not Plead Ignorance of your duty, & while the Board of Health on the one Hand feel an Assurance of your punctual Compliance therewith they think it incumbent on them to observe that they will cause the same to be carried into effect with the most Rigid exactness & prosecute all those who may transgress in any manner whatever" — By Order of the Board —

Att. — Secy. President.

1801

May 13 — Voted That the same Instructions which were given to the Visiting Physician and Keeper of Rainsfords Island for their Regulation in Quarantine Affairs the last year be their Rule and Guide in the same affairs the present year not Incompatible with other Instructions voted by the present Board with which other Instructions in their different Stations the said Physician and Keeper of the Island have been made acquainted.

Quarantine Instructions of last Year again voted —

Voted That Mr Spear be directed to procure two men to go in the Boat and that he communicate to this Board the best terms on which they can be procured previous to engageing them. —

Spear directed to procure two Boatmen —

The Committee appointed to wait on the Collector reported That he would chearfully attend to such Regulations as the Board might adopt in Quarantine cases & Cooperate with them in carrying the same into effect agreable to their wishes —

Committee to wait on Collector

Adjourned.

May 20 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day Present John Winslow Esq. President —

Mess. Snelling — Doane — Lincoln — Andrews
McKean — Vose — Sumner — Prince
Dall —
and the Secretary.

Voted That Mess. Lincoln McKean & Snelling be a Committee to cause one of the tight Carts to be thoroughly repaired and lined so as effectually to prevent leakage and report, that the same may be disputed by the Board. —

Repair of Carts —

Voted That Mr Folsome be directed to dispose of the Manure near Cops Hill immediately on the best Terms he can & that he Order his Drivers not to spread the Filth collected in the Streets over more ground than possible at the place of Deposit but to keep the same in heaps and as much out of the Highway as possible —

Folsom directed to dispose of the Manure at Cops Hill —

Adjourned —

1801
May 26 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health — held — This Day — Present — John Winslow Esq. President —

Mess. Snelling — Lincoln — Doane — M'Kean — Prince — Sumner — Andrews — Dall — Bradley — and Secretary —

Folsom's a/c paid — John W. Folsom presented his Account for the six Scavengers Carts employed under his Contract with this Board for the Month of May amounting to Three hundred sixty four Dollars — which being Certified by the Committee on Accounts, was allowed and the President requested to draw Therefor on the Town Treasurer.

Adjourned.

June 3 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this Day — Present — John Winslow Esq. President — Mess. Snelling — M'Kean — Lincoln — Doane — Andrews and Secretary —

Committee to settle a/c with Com. on a/c of the Ens. Court — Voted That the President and Isaiah Doane Esq. be a Committee to apply by Petition to the General Court for Repayment of the Money Paid by this Board for the Maintainance & Expences of Foreigners at Rainsfords Island in 1799 and 1800 —

Adjourned —

June 10 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health held This Day — Present — Wm M'Kean Dis. Protem —

Mess. Snelling — Lincoln — Sumner — Bradley — Doane — Vose — Andrews — Dall — Prince — and Secretary

Foreign Rigg'd Vessels to hoist their flags to Town — Voted That the Masters of all Square rigged Vessels which have performed quarantine at Rainsfords Island be directed to display their Quarantine Flags so[n] as they arrive at Town and that the flags be returned to this Office previous to their being entitled to the Certificate of Entry at the Custom House —

Adjourned —

June 16 1801

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day — Present —
— John Winslow Esq. President. —

Messrs. Sneling — Vose — Lincoln — McKean
~~Lincoln~~ — Dall — Sumner — Bradley
Doane — Prince — and
Secretary.

Town Dock to be cleansed — **Voted** That the Committee of the Week be directed to cause the Proprietors of the Oyster Boats lying in Town Dock and the proprietors abutting on said Dock to cause the Filth thereby occasioned to be removed —

Visit to the Island. **Voted** — That the Board visit the Island on Tuesday next to inspect the Buildings lately erected at this Request by the Commonwealth — and that the Sec.y be Committee to provide suitable refreshment and that he Invite in the Name of this Board the Gentlemen who served as Members last year and also the Commanding Officer and Captains stationed at Fort Independance —

Scavengers to cause their Carts to be provided with Bells & Brooms — **Voted** — That the Secretary notify Mr Tolsome that they expect each of the Scavengers Carts will be furnished with and constantly carry a Broom agreably to the conditions of his Contract — to sweep together the Remains of Pils of Dirt which cannot otherwise be taken up. and that they also carry in some conspicuous Part of the Cart their Flaggs and Bells —

Adjourned —

1801
June 25

At a meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present
John Winslow Esq. President —
Messrs. Snelling - Lincoln - Bradley - Doane - McKean
Sumner — and the Secretary

Folsom's a/c Paid

John W. Folsom presented his Account for the Sick Casts employed under the Direction of this Board for the Month of June and for one Cart employed three Days previous to his Contract amounting to Three hundred & Sixty one Dollars - and William Phillips the Messenger presented his Account for one Quarters Pay One Dollar the Eighth amounting to Sixty two dollars and fifty Cents - which were severally examined by the Committee on Accounts - and allowed by the Board —

Memorial of Eustis referred

Voted that the Memorial of William Eustis requesting the Cart House and Fifth on his Land at North end - be Committed to Messrs Snelling and Gardner —

Sick Casts

Voted - That Messrs Snelling and Gardner be Committee to consider what is best to be done respecting leasing the Sick Carts —

Adjourned —

July 1

At a Meeting of the Board of Health held This day - present John Winslow Esq. President —
Messrs Snelling - McKean - Vose - Dall - Sumner
Andrews - Bradley - Prince - & Secretary —

Thorndikes offence - not Board sufficient to Debate upon —

Wm Heal Thorndike having been admitted & heard on the Subject of his Prosecution for Breach of the Quarantine Laws - in going on Board the Brig Fanny the Board on mature Consideration Voted - that it would be improper for them to interfere in preventing the legal operation of the Law —

E. Andrews presents the Board with the Laws —

The Secretary informed That Mr Ebenezer T. Andrews had presented the Board with two volumns being the whole of the Laws of this Commonwealth — Whereupon Voted That the Secretary in the Name of this Board present Mr Andrews with their thanks for his generous present. —

Adjourned —

1801
July 8 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present —

— John Winslow Esq. President —
Messrs. Snelling — McKean — Doane — Lincoln — Vose —
Andrews — Sumner — Dall — Prince —
and Secretary —

Regulations respecting the Night Carts —

Voted — That the Secretary give notice to the several Persons licensed to cleanse Vaults — That whenever any Dirt is made by emptying the Carts or otherwise by them — the same will be ordered to be cleared up and the Expense assessed on them (in equal proportions) who improve the Carts the Night the Nuisance is made — except they discover to the Secretary the Name of the Person who actually do the Mischief —

Adjourned

July 16 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present —

John Winslow Esq. President —
Messrs — Doane — McKean — Bradley — Sumner
Lincoln — and Secretary —

No Business before the Board —

Adjourned —

" 22 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — this Day Present — Wm McKean Esqrs. & Sem.
Messrs Snelling — Lincoln — Sumner — Vose — Andrews
Dall — Prince — and Secretary

Committee to confer with Directors of C. R. Bridge —

Voted — That Gen Winslow be requested in behalf of this Board to Confer with the Directors of Charles River Bridge on the subject of depositing the filth from Vaults over said Bridge —

Scudders Petition Sch. Industry —

On the Representation & Petition of Daniel Scudder relative to Schooner Industry — Voted — That if Doctor Welsh is of Opinion said Schooner is fit for Inspection & may come to Town with safety to the Inhabitants That the Weekly Committee be empowered to grant her permitt. —

Adjourned —

1801
July 29

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day-
Present- John Winslow Esq. President-
Mess. Snelling- McKean- Doane- Dall- Sumner-
Vose- Prince- and Secretary.

Spear allo. 1. for Coach-

Voted- That One dollar only be allowed M. Spear for carrying in his Hackney Post Chaise. Joseph Jackson from this Office to Scotts Wharf- said Jackson being infected with the Small Pox.

Folsoms a/c

John M. Folsom presented his Account for the Carts employed under his Contract with this Board- for the month of July amounting to Three hundred and seventy eight dollars- which being examined by the Committee of Accounts and two days deducted on which one of the Carts was not employed- the ballance was allowed being- Three hundred and seventy three dollars & thirty four cents.

Com. of Corporation to confer with Com. respecting Irish Passengers in Brig Albion

Voted- That the President- M. Sumner and the Secretary be a Committee to confer with the Select-men respecting the Passengers in the Brig Albion from Newry- now at Quarantine—

Adjourned—

1801
Aug. 8

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day
Present- John Winslow Esq. President-
Mess: Snelling- McKean- Bradley- Lincoln- Sumner-
Andrews- Vose- Dall- Doane— and-
Secretary-

Order for Delivery of Brs Certificate the Captains Published-

Voted- That the Secretary cause the Order of this Board for delivering at this Office the Certificate of the Visiting Physician of the Vessels being cleansed- to be published with the Penalty for Neglect—

Adjourned—

1801
August 12

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day ——— Present John Winslow Esq President ——— Messrs Snelling — M.Kean — Doane — Lincoln — Bradley — and Secretary —

——— No Business transacted ———

Adjourned —

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19 At a meeting of the Board of Health this day — Present John Winslow Esq President — Messrs M.Kean — Doane — Lincoln — Dale — Vose — Sumner — Andrews — and Secretary ———

Notice to Mr Folsom respecting Extra Horse —

Voted That the Secretary inform Mr Folsom That it is the Opinion of this Board — That they have not required hitherto — those extra Services from him which they expected by his Letter to them of the 29 of April and that they cannot in Justice to their Constituents make him the Allowance then contemplated of Seventy five Dollars unless the Terms of that Letter are fully complyed with ———

Folsom to report —

Voted That Mr. Folsom make a Statement in Writing weekly on Wednesday Morning of all Discoveries which he may make of Nuisances cognizable by this Board and that he cause the whole Number of Carts Horses Drivers and Implements agreeable to his Contract to be at the Old State House every Saturday at 1° Clock precisely for Inspection ———

Dirt Cops Hill to be removed —

Voted That the Drivers be employed to morrow afternoon in taking up the Dirt deposited near Cops Hill close to the Fence, in such Way as that the Street may be made passable and that a Cask of Lime be intermixed amongst the Dirt and strewed over it ———

Sumner & Committee on Backside St. Drain &c —

Voted That Mr Sumner be a Committee to enquire who are the Owners of Premises on Butolph Street from whence the Waste Water issues into Cambridge Street & to make such other enquiries as may be necessary to prevent the Evil and to report to this Board. ———

Adjourned —

1801
August 25

At a Meeting of the Board of Health - this day

Present John Winslow Esq. President

Mess. McKean - Doane - Lincoln - Dall - Sumner - Prime Andrews and Secretary

Folsom. Directed to Clean the Market

Voted That Mr. Folsome inspect the Market Place every Sunday morning and remove all Nuisances he may find there and the day following present his Account to Mr Gooch for payment - and that Mr Gooch be served with Copy of this vote. ——

The following Accounts were presented. examined by the Committee of Accounts - and were severally Passed & allowed - Viz -

Sundry Accts passed

John W. Folsoms.	for Carts employed by the Board for the month of August. Three hundred sixty one Dollars. sixty-seven Cents	$ 361. 67
Dr Thos. Welsh	for attending Mitchel a Sick Frenchman Five Dollars	
	for attending Joseph Jackson sick with the small Pox - Five dollars	45. ——
	for attending seven persons the family of Henry Blake sick with small Pox - thirty five dollars	
Thomas Shears -	for one Weeks board of Mitchell the Frenchman Five Dollars -	10. ——
	for his Funeral charges Five Dollars	
		$ 416. 67

amounting together to the Sum of four hundred & sixteen - dollars and sixty seven Cents. ——

Adjourned.

September 2.

At a meeting of the Board of Health this day Present John Winslow Esq. President -

Mess. McKean - Bradley, Doane - Sumner & Secretary.

—— Not being a Quorum no business was done ——

Adjourn'd —

1801
Sept: 3

At a special Meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present. —

— John Winslow Esq. President. —

Mess. Doane. Bradley. Dall. Lincoln. McKean. Sumner. Vose. Snelling.

and Secretary. —

Case of the Ship Sultan. Crowell Hatch Esq. Represented to this Board by Josiah Doane Esq. that he was Owner of the Ship Sultan, now at Quarantine. that her Cargo is Sugar which has ever been considered as incapable of receiving Infection and thereon prayed. that as sickness had been on Board during the voyage. the People and every thing capable of being infected be Landed at the Island there to remain during the period of Quarantine in such cases established and that the Ship after being cleansed by the Doctor be permitted to be brought up by another Crew to be sent down for the purpose as the loss to him by her detention at the Island would probably be very great. — Offers due Consideration of this request. It was Voted. That this Board adhere to its established Regulations and that the Sultan cannot be discharged untill her Period of Quarantine is fully accomplished. —

Passengers — Some conversation was had respecting the situation of two young Ladies Passengers on the Sultan from Cape Cod. and on Motion it was Voted That the further consideration thereof be deferred till the next Meeting. —

The Secretary was directed to cause the following to be Published in the Papers —

"Board of Health"

Notice for Passengers from the Out Ports that Quarantine

"Health Office Boston Sep: 3. 1801 Notice is hereby Given —
"That any Persons who may take Passage at any of
"the Out Ports, in Vessells subject to perform Quarantine
"will be detained at the Island during the whole
"time such Vessell is performing her Quarantine" —

By Order of the Board of Health
Attt: John Winslow Pres. —
R Gardner Secy

Adjourned

1801
Sept: 9

At a meeting of the Board of Health—
This day
Present— John Winslow Esq. President.

Mess. Snelling— M'Kean— Doane— Bradley— Tose
Lincoln— Sumner— Dall— Andrews— Prince
& Secretary.

Ship Sultan.

Capt. Hatch was admitted, and produced a Certificate from Capt. Cole of the Ship Sultan— That Richard Chamberlain one of her Crew— did not die of the Yellow Fever but of the Dysentery and offered to substantiate the Assertion of Capt Cole— and therupon prayed the Board to reconsider their former vote and permit the Sultan to come to Town.— The Consideration of which request was defer'd till to morrow morning nine o'Clock & Dr Welsh ordered to attend.—

Adjourned till 9 o'Clock. To morrow.

Sept.
10 Met agreably to adjournment— Present—
John Winslow Esq. President.

Mess. Snelling— M'Kean— Bradley— Doane— Andrews
Lincoln— Sumner and Secretary.

Capt Hatch and Dr. Welsh both present.—

Dr Welsh was call'd upon by the Board to state the Evidence on which he founded his Opinion that Chamberlain died with the Yellow Fever— Whereupon— He said— That as early as August he heard by Capt Thomas that the mate of the Sultan had died in Havana of the Yellow fever— that is as very sickly there and that an Embarga was to take place of all which he about the same time informed Capt Hatch— That from other Captains he received the same account— That he afterwards heard of Capt Cole's going into Cape Cod & afterwards that he had buried a Man there— That on the Ships arrival at Rainsfords Island he visited her as usual and enquired by the Shipping Paper for the Men— Chamberlain was missing and the Captain gave some evasive answers to questions respecting him but finally said he had died— The Captain also produced a Certificate signed by one Thaddeus Browne a Physician at the Cape purporting that "the Ship had arrived there with her Crew in good Health & had so been since she left Havana" from which circumstances combined he was of Opinion that Chamberlain had died of the same fever as the Mate & that though he had no Positive Evidence

of his dying with the Yellow Fever - yet agreably to frequent
Suggestions from the Board if he err'd in his Report it was his
Case of Sch Sultan duty to err on the safe side and he therefore made the Report
he did - and that since his Report he had examined several
of the crew who agree that neither Chamberlain or any
other Person on Board had been affected with the Flux -

After mature Deliberation upon the Statements
made on both Sides -

Decision of the Board in Case of Ship Sultan and Passengers in her from Cape Good

VOTED That in the Opinion of this Board
Doctor Welsh has conducted with Prudence in the Business respecting the Sultan and stands perfectly justified
by this Board in detaining her till her full time of
Quarantine is accomplished —

VOTED That the Passengers on the Sultan
be detained till the Ship is discharged. —

Adjourned —

Sep 18 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this
Day - Present Mess. Vose - Sumner - Bradley
Board visited — not being a Quorum - no Business was done —
Adjourned —

Afterwards visited the Sultan being joined by Mess. Winslow Andrews Degen and Secretary.

Sep 23 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - this
Day - Present William McKean pro tem -
Mess. Snelling - Lincoln - Sumner - Bradley
Vose - and Secretary
No Business before the Board. —
Adjourned. -

1801
Sept 30

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day Present

John Winslow Esq. President.

Mess. Snelling M'Kean Doane Lincoln Dall Bradley & Secretary.

Folsom and Phillips Bills paid

William Phillips Messenger to the Board presented his Account for a Quarters Salary Due the eighth of October amounting to Ninety two dollars & fifty cents, which was allowed

John W. Folsom had a draft allowed by this Board on Account of Three hundred & fifty dollars the amount which he presented for the Carts on Contract this Month not being passed upon but deferd for Investigation.

Adjourned.

1801
October 7

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day Present

John Winslow Esq President.

Mess Snelling Doane Lincoln Andrews Dall Vose M'Kean Sumner

and Secretary.

Capt Bowland permitted to come to Town

It being represented to this Board that the Family of Capt Bowland was very sick, some of them considered as in danger of Dying. at the request of the Family it was

Voted That Capt Bowland be permitted to leave Quarantine Ground and to come up to Town the Mate to take charge of the Vessell during the time of Quarantine.

Adjourned.

1801
October 12

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present —
John Winslow Esq.r President ——
Mess.rs Snelling — McKean — Doane — Lincoln —
Vose — Bradley — Sumner — Prince
Dall. — and ——— Secretary. ——

Quarantine laid on Vessells from New York — Norfolk and Charlestown (S. C)

Voted That a Quarantine be imposed on all Vessells from either of the Ports of New York — Norfolk or Charlestown South Carolina — and that the several Pilots & the Commanding Offic.r of Fort Independance be notified thereof — and that the Secretary cause the following to be published in the several Papers — Viz —

"Board of Health —

Notice of the above to the Pilots &c —

Boston Oct. 12. 1801

Information having been rec.d at this Office of Contagious and Malignant Fevers prevailing in the Cities of New York — Norfolk and Charlestown (S.C) — We deem it our duty for the safety of the Citizens of this Metropolis to subject Vessells and Persons from either of the said Ports to the Performance of Quarantine at Rainsford's Island under the customary regulations of this Board —

By order of the Board of Health
Att
Rbardner Sec.y
Jn.o Winslow — President —

— The Pilots — viz Thomas Knox — Robert Knox & Charles Cole — and to the Commanding Offic.r of Fort Independance — & the Sec.y also sent Copy of this Vote to the Collector of Boston & Charlestown

Adjourned.

Oct. 28

A Meeting of the Board was held this Day — The President being absent from Town & the Secretary & Messenger sick

No business was transacted ——— except that the Consideration respecting Quarantine be referr'd to the next meeting —

Adjourned

McKean — P. P. T.
McSnelling — McDoane
McSumner — McLincoln
McDall — McPrince
McAndrews

October 28
1801

At a meeting of the Board of Health this Day

Present John Winslow Esq. President.

Mess. Doane — Snelling — Dall
Andrews — Sumner — Bradley
M'Kean —
and Secretary.

Quarantine taken off generally —

Voted That from and after the 31st. of the present Month, and untill the further Orders of this Board, the Restrictions of Quarantine, imposed on all Vessells from any of the Ports or Places which have been subjected to Quarantine be so far taken off, as that they may hereafter procid up the Harbour, and Anchor off the Long Wharf; when the Master of such Vessell shall forthwith appear at this Office, and pass Examination; respecting the Health of his Crew and the purity of his Cargo ——

Except from Vessells actually infected.

Vessells having the Small Pox or other Sickness on Board, are to be detained at Fort Independance to be examined by the Visiting Physician of this Board and the several Pilots will take notice & Govern themselves accordingly. ——

Publishment of above —

Voted That the Secretary cause the above to be published ——

V. Physician directed to discharge Vessells from Island — in Cases —

Voted That the Visiting Physician have Liberty to discharge from the Island all such Vessells as are cleansed and may in his opinion be discharged with Safety ——

Tolsons &c Collections & Contract — passed — Ballance Sd 860 —

John N. Tolson presented his Account for the Scavengers Carts, Horses &c employed by this Board for the present Month and compleating his Contract and also for a Ballance of Twelve Dollars sixty six Cents Due on last Months Account and including Seventy five dollars allowed him for a Seventh Horse and making altogether the Sum of Four hundred sixty five dollars sixty six Cents from which the Selectmen six Dollars received from Baxter & Greene for Manure leaving a Ballance of Four hundred & five Dollars 66/100 in his favour — which being examined by the Committee on Accounts were allowed and passed ——

Folsom &c discharged from their contract

Voted That J.W. Folsom and Daniel Baxter be discharged from their Contract with this Board on the Evening of the thirty first of the present month.

Adjourned—

Nov 5. 1801

At a meeting of the Board of Health this day—

Present John Winslow Esq. President

Mess. Snelling— M'Lean— Linclon— Doane Vose— Prince— Bradley— Andrews— and Secretary.

Office Hours 10 to 1. a.m.

Voted That until the further Orders of the Board the Offic Hours be from 10 to 1 o'Clock A. M— and that the Mutings of the Board be one a— fortnight at 12 o'Clock m. unless otherways specially directed by the weekly Committee.

Grant to Dr Welsh—

Voted That One hundred and forty Dollars be granted Doctor Welsh for the purpose of defraying the Expenus of the Boat employed by him and agreable to this Vote passed by this Board the 22 of Oct. last.

Adjourned.

Nov 18

At a meeting of the Board of Health— this Day—

Present. John Winslow Esq. President

Mess. Snelling— Doane— Lincoln— Andrews— Dale and Self

Application to be made to the Propr.s of C.R. Brig.

Voted That M'Snelling and General Winslow be a Committee to wait upon the Proprietors of Charles River Bridge to request Permission for the Carts to pass to and draw & deposit their Contents into the Channel for this time till the first of April.

Voted That the Proposition of Leaving the Carts be left to the Weekly Committee.

Night Carts.

Adjourned—

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Decemb.r 22 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - this day

Present John Winslow Esq. President —

Mess.rs Snelling. M.cKean - Doane - Bradley. Prince Lincoln - Dall -

and Secretary

No Business before the Board —

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18 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - this day

Present Mess.rs Snelling. M.cKean. Prince

and Secretary

Not being a Quorum adjourned till Monday —

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21 Met according to Adjournment —

Present John Winslow Esq. President —

Mess.rs Snelling - M.cKean - Lincoln - Doane - Vose - Prince - Andrews - Sumner -

and Secretary —

Voted That M.r Spear be directed to deliver the Black Child at the Island to the Overseers of the Poor provided the Father is unable to maintain it. —

Passed the Account of Amasa Davis Esq.r for Lumber for Cart House Eighty one dollars & Sixty eight Cents ——— 81.. 68

Passed the Account of William Phillips for one Quarters Salary - Ninety two dollars and fifty cents ——— 92.. 50

Passed the Accounts of Thomas Spear - Viz —

— for Board & Nursing John Christie with the Small Pox - Fifteen dollars ——— 15.. —

— for D.r Joseph Jackson sick with Small Pox - Ten Dollars ——— 10.. —

— for D.r M.rs Blake and family - sick with Small Pox - One hundred & fifty dollars —— 150.. —

— for D.r and Funeral Expenses of Dolly Duncan with Small Pox. Twelve & half dollars —— 12.. 50

— for D.r and D.r Mary Page sick with Small Pox - Fifteen dollars ——— 15.. —

$ 376.. 68

New Carts ordered —

The Committee to whom was Referd the Business of Leasing the Carts Reported That they were not worth Repairing and that they had Ordered a New one on a different Construction which would not cost above fifteen Dollars. ——

Voted That Two dollars due from Estate of Jacob Perkins for Manure. be remitted. ——

Adjourned —

1802 January 6 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day Present John Winslow Esq President ——

Mess. Snelling — Bradley — Hon. Lincoln — Dall — Sumner and Secretary

— No Business before the Board —

Adjourned. —

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22 At a meeting of the Board of Health this Day

Present John Winslow Esq. Pres.t

Mess.rs Snelling — Lincoln — Dall — Sumner

Andrews — Bradley — McLean and Self

Voted that the Secretary commit the New Carts the Care of Peter Virginia for trial and to Report as soon as may be ——

Voted that the Secretary write to the several Towns from which we have had Person under the Care of the Board — Sick — for payment of their Expenses ——

Adjourned

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Feby 10

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day

Present John Winslow Esq President

Messrs Snelling - McKean - Dall - Lincoln - Sumner Prince - Vose - Doane - Bradley - Andrews and Secretary -

Voted That the Secretary prepare the Amounts of the last Year - those against the Commonwealth - immediately -

Voted That the President and Secretary be a Committee to present the Commonwealths Amount. -

Voted That as on trial the New Cart ordered to be made by Mr Snelling and Secretary appears to answer its design to the satisfaction of this Board - That the same Committee order two others made on the same Construction and when done to Farm the whole out to three Persons on such terms as they think best. -

Adjourned

24 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - this Day

Present John Winslow Esq President

Messrs Doane, Snelling - Lincoln - Andrews - Dall - McKean -

and Secretary

Voted That the Committee of Accounts be Requested to adjust the Claim of Bates and Hatch for Upraising Fitch's Alley that the Ballance may be allowed them by this Board the Selectmen having refused to pay it.

Adjourned

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March 23 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day Present John Winston Esq. President

Mess. Snelling Lincoln Doane M'Kean Vose Dall Andrews Prime Summes and Secretary

Voted That the Secretary Notify the Inhabitants of the several Wards to meet and Choose a Person to represent them at the Board of Health for the Year ensuing agreable to law on Wednesday the Seventh Day of April coming By cause Advertisments thereof to be Published in the Chronicle of the 29th of March and the next Centinel Published thereafter and also by causing Notifications to be left at the Dwelling Houses of the Inhabitants as usual at least Seven Days previous to the Meeting

Voted That Gen Winston M Snelling and M Doane be committee to Examine the Yearly Accounts

Passed the following Accounts having been previously approbated by the Committee of Accounts

Robert Gardner's for Repairs of Carts Incidental Expenses Removal of Sundry Sick persons &c a Ballance of Sixty Dollars eighty one cents	$	60.81
Murdock and Taylor for New Carts & Repairs		87.83
Levi Bates Ballance for paving Fitch's Ally		80.—
Adams & Rhodes for Printing		25.—
Russell & Cutler for Ditto		15.—
Thomas Spear for Boarding & Nursing a Negro Child of Dolly Duncans with Small Pox		25.—
Thomas Welsh Attendance Christy Page & Duncan's		20.—
William Phillips a Quarters Salary Due Apl 8		92.50
	$	406.14

Adjourned till Tuesday next 3 O'Clock P M

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March 30 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day —
Present John Winslow Esq. President -
Mss. Snelling - M'Kean - Doane - Lincoln - Sumner - Andrews
Prince - Dall -
and Secretary ———

The Committee appointed to examine the Yearly Accounts - Reported that they had examined the same and found them well Vouched and had prepared a Statement of those usually Published as belonging particularly to Town Expenses to go to the Press - which Statement being approved was - Ordered to be Published on the Monday preceding the choice of the New Board ——

Voted That the Secretary apply to the Selectmen to obtain an Order to the Sextons, to ring the Bells on the Day of the Meeting of the several Wards to choose the Members of the Board of Health -

Voted That the Secretary pay Mr Shears Account against Mr Shea and Betsey Allen. ——

Adj. untill Wednesday 12 o Clock —

April 7 — Wednesday - This Day a Meeting of the Board was held agreable to Adjournment. —
Present John Winslow Esq. President. —
Mss. Snelling - M'Kean - Doane - Prince - Lincoln
Sumner - Andrews - Dall
and Secretary. —

Voted That the thanks of this Board be given to Gen'l Winslow for his Faithfull Services as President the year past. ——

Adjourned

April 9 Returns having been made of the following Gentlemen being chosen by the Inhabitants of the different Wards as Members of the Board of Health for the Year ensuing viz. Ozias Goodwin for Ward No 1 - Robert Gardner for Ward No 2 - Benjamin Barnes for Ward No 3 - Jonathan Wilds for Ward No 4 - John H. Tobin for Ward No 5 - Isaiah Doane for Ward No 6 - Daniel Scott for Ward No 7 — David Bradlee for Ward No 8 - John West for Ward No 9 - David West for Ward No 10 - Ebenezer Hubbe for Ward No 11 and David Ellis for Ward No 12 — The President directs that they be Notified to meet at the Health Office to morrow at 12 o Clock A.M. for the purpose of Organisation. which was accordingly done -

New Board Notified —

R Gardner - Sec.

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April 10 New Board Organized. —

The following Members of the New Board having convened agreably to Notification — Viz —

Isaiah Doane Esq. —
Ebenezer Hebble Esq. —
Barnus ——
Robert Gardner
John W. Folsom Esq. —
Mr John West —
Mr David Ellis —
Mr Jonathan Wilds —
Mr David West —
Mr Benjamin
Capt Daniel Scott

John Winslow Esq. President of the former Board presided agreably to Law and the Returns from the different Wards was read —

The Ballotts for President were called for when it appeard that —

Isaiah Doane Esq. was unanimously chosen.

The Ballots for Secretary were called for when it appeard that

Robert Gardner — was Unanimously chosen — and the following Oath was administerd to him —

"I Robert Gardner do Solemnly Swear that in the Office of Secretary to the Board of Health — to which I have been chosen — I will make Faithfull Record of all the Votes & Procedings & Regulations of said Board & Faithfully perform the Duties of Secretary so long as I continue in said Office ——

So help me God ——

Sworn before
John Winslow President —

R Gardner

The New President took the Chair —

William Phillips was unanimously chosen Messenger.

Voted That the division of the Members of this Board into Weekly Committees as heretofore practised be adopted as a Regulation for this year — Viz —

First Week —
Ward No 1. Ozias G. Dewis
2. Robert Gardner —
3. Benjamin Barnus

Second Week —
Ward No 4. Jonathan Wilds —
5 — John W. Folsome —
6 — Isaiah Doane —

Third Week —
Ward No 7. Daniel Scott.
8. David Bradley —
9. John West —

Fourth Week —
Ward No 10. David West.
11. Ebenezer Hebble
12. David Ellis —

Voted That the President Mr Folsome and Mr John West be a Committee to consider and Report what business is nessary to be brought before this Board at their next Meeting—

Adjourned till Wednesday 4 o'Clock P.M—

April 14 1802

At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day. Present—

Isaiah Doane Esq President

Mess. Scott. D West. J. West. Folsom. Chs. Barnes Wilds

and Secretary

Physician Chosen

Thomas Welsh was by Ballot unanimously Chosen the Visiting Physician of this Board for the Year ensuing—

Salary's affixed

Voted That the Salary of the Visiting Physician be Six hundred fifty dollars P Annum and that the said sum be in full for his Services & attendance both in Town at the Island and on Ship Board and also for Boat Hire & every other Expence which has usually been paid by this Board

Voted That the Secretarys Salary be Five hundred & fifty dollars — and that the Messengers Salary be Three hundred and seventy dollars— P Annum

Com. of Accts

Voted That Mess. J. West Scott and Pabodie be the Committee for Examination of Accounts presented to this Board for allowance the present year

Com. to Contract with Printers

Voted That the President and Secretary be Committee to Contract with the Printers of the Sentinel & Chronicle to Publish for them the present year all such matters as are proper to be communicated to the Public through the medium of Newspapers— and that the same Gentlemen be committee to contract for all other printing to be done for this Board

Com. of Estimate

Voted That the President be requested to confer with the Towns Committee of Accounts and to report the Sum of Three Thousand dollars for the Expences of this Board the present year

Com. of Conferance

Voted That the President. W D. West and Secretary be Committee to confer with the Selectmen on all matters which may require such Conference the present year

Phys. & Is: Keeper to collect their own fees in certain cases

VOTED That the Secretary inform the Visiting Physician and Island Keeper that this Board will not be answerable to either of them for the Expenses of any Person sick at the Island who are not either Legal Inhabitants of the Town of Boston or Commonwealths Poor - but that all such Persons must be received at the Island when ordered there by the Board - and that the Physician must attend them - and both the Physician and Island Keeper from such Persons must collect their own pay ——

Quarantine Regulations

VOTED That whenever this Board deem it Expedient to impose a Quarantine - they adopt the same Regulations for carrying their Orders into effect and the same Regulations for the Government of the Island and Vessels Quarantine there with their Crews and the same Instructions to the Physician - as were adopted the last year ——

Rules & Regulations to be Published -

VOTED That the same Rules and Regulations that were adopted the last year - for Carrying into effect the objects of this Institution and Published for the Information of the Public be adopted for the same purpose the present year and that the Secretary cause the same to be Published as soon as may be — Excepting in said Rules and Regulations the following alterations and additions — Viz -

" Preceding Art. 3. to Insert the words "From the First day of May to the First Day of November" ——

" Article the Seventh to read thus - "From and after the First Day of July and untill the First Day of October following in each year - No Heads or Offals of Dead Creatures or Vegetables of any kind shall be suffered to remain over Night in either the Market House - Market or any place allowed to be improved as such" ——

alterations - " Article 12. To delete the word "First" day of May & Insert "Last" day of May ——

" Article the 15 - "All Complaints of Nuisances made or sent to this Board shall be promptly attended to & the most Inviolable Secrecy observed except in cases where the Law requires the contrary" ——

Adjourned.

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April 21

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present —
Isaiah Doane Esq. President —
Mess. Folsom — Scott — J. West — D West — Barnes — Ellis —
Pubble — Goodwin — Wilds
and Secretary —

Treasurer — Voted That R Gardner the Secretary of this Board be Treasurer for the present year —

Contract with Folsom —

Mr John W Folsom having proposed to the Board to furnish the Carts and superintend the Business of cleaning the Streets the present Season under the Directions of the Board for the Sum of Two Dollars and ~~fourteen~~ Cents ~~&~~ Day for each Cart and Horse with Drivers and other Necessarys — His Proposal was accepted and he required to give Bonds similar to that given last year — and it is understood he is to have no additional Grant for his personal attention or Horse —

Committee to Contract with Mr Snow to Deposit Dirt on his Wharf —

Voted that Messrs Barnes and Folsom be Committee to Contract with Mr E. Snow to cover the Filth which may be Deposited on his Wharfs by the Town Scavengers in such way as that it may not become Offensive to the Neighbours and also to agree such pecuniary consideration as they may deem proper —

Voted That the following be Published for the Information of the Inhabitants — "Board of Health"

Boston April 21. 1802

Notice to the Inhabitants respecting Clean Streets —

The Inhabitants of this Town are respectfully Informed That from and after the first day of May — No Person will be permitted to bring into any Street Lane or Alley within the Town any Dirt Filth Animal or Vegitable Substances or Sweepings of any kind except under the Restrictions following — That is to say — On the Mornings of the Days in which the Scavengers Carts pass through the Respective Wards and before the Hour of 7 Oclock on those Mornings — And any Person who shall on those Days neglect to bring the Dirt Filth occasionally made in their Houses Yards and Premises and by the Hour of Seven Oclock on the Mornings of those Days — and on whose Premises such Dirt and Filth shall be found contrary to the Meaning and Intention of this Regulation every such Person so offending shall be considered as violating the Regulations of this Board & will be dealt with accordingly —

And the Inhabitants are informed that from and after the first day of May the Scavengers Carts will pass through the different Wards in the following Order Through Wards No. 1. 3. 5. 7. 9. and 11 every Monday. Wednesday and Friday — and through Wards No. 2. 4. 6. 8. 10 & 12 — every Tuesday. Thursday Saturday — and the Inhabitants are earnestly requested to give Information to this Board or some Member thereof of all neglect or Improper Conduct in the Scavengers —

— Adjourned —

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May 5

Quarantine

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day Present

Isaiah Doane Esq.r President

Mess.rs Barnes Wilds Scott Goodwin Ellis
D.Well D.West Folsom

and Secretary

VOTED That from and after the 15th Instant, until the further Order of this Board All Vessells from any of the West India Islands, or any Port or Place in Europe, or Africa between the Tropicks or any Port or Place within the Streights of Gibraltar or who in the course of their Voyage may have touch'd at any Port within said Streights or from any other Port or Place whatever where any contagious Disorder prevails or has recently prevailed shall together with their Crew and Passengers Perform Quarantine at Rainsford's or Hospital Island prior to their entering the Inner Harbour of Boston under the Direction of the Visiting Physician of this Board and that the Secretary cause this Order to be Published

Committee for disposing of the Dirt

VOTED that Mess.rs Barnes, Folsom and Secretary be Committee to Contract with any Persons respecting the disposition of the dirt taken up by the Scavengers

Notification to Inhabitants respecting Dirt

VOTED That the Secretary cause a Sufficient Number of Notifications to be printed and to be Delivered by the Scavengers and stuck up in suitable Places, informing the Inhabitants at what time the Carts will pass through the different Wards and requesting as well their particular attention to this Regulation as to the Sweeping occasionally before their Houses

Adjourned

May 12

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day. Present Isaiah Doane Esq.r President

Mess.rs D.West Scott Folsom Wild Babbit Goodwin

and Secretary

Distribution of Notifications

VOTED That the Secretary employ one or more Persons to Distribute the Notifications voted by the Board at the last meeting to be Distributed by the Scavengers it being found not convenient for them to do the Duty

Com.tee to wait on Gov.r with Notifications to Hand

It being represented by D.r Welch that Seamen artificers were wanted for the Use of the Island The President & Mr Babbit were appointed a Committee to apply to the Governor and Council therefor.

Adjourned.

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May 19

At a meeting of the Board of Health This Day present — Isaiah Doane Esq. President — Messrs. Bradley. Barnes. Goodwin. J. West. Scott. Wild Folsome — and Secretary —

Advertisment respecting Paragraph in Paper on the Prevalence of the Small Pox —

Voted That the Publication in the Centinel of This Day Stating that the Small Pox is Prevalent at the North Part of the Town is Incorrect. One house only being affected therewith. whose situation was such as to render her removal dangerous. and that the Sect cause Publication of the Facts to be made in the Chronicle. Gazette & Palladium. and to assure the Publick they shall have due notice whenever there is Danger from the prevalence of any contagious Disorder. and that in this Publication it be stated that we have reason to believe this Alarm has been struck by Persons Interested in Inoculating with Kine Pox to answer their personal purposes —

Adj. to Saturday Week —

May 29

At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day — Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President — Messrs. Folsome. Wild. Barnes and Secretary —

Not being a Quorum Adjourned till Monday 12 o'Clock —

31 This Day met according to Adjournment — Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President — Messrs. Prebble. Folsome. Goodwin. Wild. Ellis. and — Secretary —

The Committee Appointed to wait on the Governor & Council respecting a Supply of Necessarys for use of Hospital Island Reported That they had attended the Service assigned them and that His Excellency had informed them the Application should be considered of. The Secretary then informed the Board That the Quarter Master General had informed him That such Articles as the Board should Certify to him were necessary for the use of the Hospital He had the Commands of his Excellency to furnish. Whereupon Voted That Dr Welch exhibit a Schedule of such Articles as are requisite for the purposes aforesaid and that the Secretary Certify the same in behalf of this Board —

Passed the Amounts of J. W. Folsome for Carts &c this Month Three hundred and Sixty four dollars ..... $ 364 —
of J. M. Dunham for Notifications Seven dollars ..... 7 —
$ 371 —

Adj. to Wednesday Week —

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June 9 At a meeting of the Board of Health — This Day

Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President —
Messrs. Scott — Ellis — D. West — Barnes — Wild —
and Secretary ———

Sundry Letters and Papers relative to the Kine Pock were laid before the Board at the request of D. Waterhouse — after some conversation thereon the further consideration thereof was adjourned till the next Meeting ———

Voted That Messrs. Scott and D. West be committee to confer with the Overseers of the Poor relative to burying the Poor from the Alms House in the Day time and to request that business may be performed in the Evening —

Adjourned

June 16 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day

Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President ——
Messrs. Bradley — Scott — D. West — Tolsome — West —
——————— and Secretary —

The Communications from D. Watershouse relative to the Kine Pock were committed to Messrs Doane, Preble and West — to Consider and Report ——

Voted That the Board will visit the Island on Thursday the 24th Instant and that the Secretary invite in the Name of this Board to accompany us — the following Gentlemen — Viz — The Governor — Lieut. Governor — President of Senate Speaker of House — Quarter Master General — President and V. Presidents of Chamber of Commerce — Collector — Major & Captains of Fort Independance — Navy Agent — Selectmen — Town Treasurer — Town Clerk and Members of last Years Board of Health — & that he make suitable Provision.

Adjourned ——

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June 30 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day. Present.

Isaiah Doane Esq. President
Mess. J. West. Scott. Goodwin. Barnes. Folsom
and Secretary

The Amounts of J. W. Folsom for Carts employed this Month. Amounting to Three hundred and Sixty four dollars — Also the — $364.—
Amount of Wm Phillips. the Messenger for One Quarters Salary. being Ninety two dollars — were allowed by the Committee for Amounts. & Passed — 92.50
$456.50

The Amounts of the Constables Stevenson and Lewis for Guarding Wooden House while infected with the Small Pox. were referd to next Meeting and the Secretary Directed in the mean time to call on Wooden to adjust them —

The Committee to whom the Communications from D. Waterhouse relative to the Kine Pock were committed. Reported. That the Board should cause a Number of Experiments to be made under their own Superintendance and that in Order to carry the same into Effect the following Plan be adopted and Published. Viz.

"Health Office. Boston June 30. 1802.

Influenced in some degree by the Example of our Brethren of New York. Charlestown. Virginia & various other Places and in conformity to what they conceive to be their Duty. The Board of Health for the Town of Boston relying on the Countenance of their Constituents and in Order to remove all reasonable Doubts of the Utility or Inutility of the Kine Pock or Vaccine Innoculation. as a preventative against the Small Pox. have determined to have a number of Experiments made under their own Inspection. by Gentlemen of the Faculty of the first Respectability. who have with their accustomed benevolence, proffered their assistance. And they are the more induced to this in order that the Publick may be apprized of the Reality of Experiments reported, and not left to conjecture them as of the same nature as the Certificates of remarkable Cures effected by, and which invariably accompany all the Nostrums which make their way into the world —

They therefore, with humble Confidence, Submitt the following, as the Plan on which the Experiments contemplated shall be carried into Effect.

First.

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First — The Kine Pock Innoculation shall be made by the Gentlemen of the Faculty - Gratis; and the Number to be Innoculated not less than twenty. —

Second. Those persons shall thereafter go to Rainsfords Island and under the care of the same Gentlemen, (or any other Physician they may prefer) to be by them procured - they shall be Innoculated with the small Pox. —

Third. — The Expenses at Rainsfords Island shall be paid by this Board, from Subscriptions to be obtained, and not at the Expence of the Town. —

Fourth. — Such persons as at any former Period, may have received the Kine Pock, and who may yet be in doubt of their safety - may, to the Number of Forty, upon Application to this Board, obtain leave to go to Rainsfords Island, and there be Innoculated with the small Pox - If it takes Effect they to pay the usual Fees - If not, to pay only their Board, agreable to the Regulations of the Island —

Fifth. — As the situation of the Island is well adapted to these Experiments, and the persons need in no degree to be exposed to any other Disorder which may prevail there - The Board Order that the Building called the small Pox House be specially appropriated to this Purpose —

Sixth. — Such Persons as are desirous of Receiving the Kine Pock, on this Plan, and being Inhabitants of Boston are desired to give in their Names to the Secretary of this Board on or before Thursday, the Eighth Instant —

Seventh - A Faithfull Report of the Results shall be published." —

Which Report was Accepted and Publication Ordered -

Voted That the Secretary write to Doctors Lloyd - Waterhouse - Warren - Danforth - Rand - Jarvis and Jeffries - be Requested to attend at this Office on Thursday next to assist in carrying into Effect the Plan proposed relative to the Kine Pock —

Voted That the Weekly Committee be Required to take into Consideration the Expediency of Remitting that part of the Quarantine Order which Directs that a Passport be had at Fort Independance - and to Report a Substitute.

Adjourned —

1802
July 6 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day Present

Josiah Doane Esq.r President

Mess.rs D.West - Ellis - Scott - Goodwin - Barnes - Folsom - and Secretary.

On Invitation agreable to a vote of the Board at their last Meeting -

Doctors - Lloyd - Rand - Danforth Jarvis - Jeffries & Jarvis -

attended the Board and after much conversation upon the Subject of the Kine Pox - It was Voted - To apply to the Selectmen to call a Meeting of the Town to obtain liberty to Innoculate (under the care of this Board) twenty Persons with the Small Pox - who shall previously have had the Kine Pox in Order to ascertain beyond all Reasonable doubt the Utility of that Disease as a Preventative against the Small Pox - and also to empower the Board to take up Suitable buildings wherein to make the Experiments contemplated -

Adjourned.

July 14 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This day - Present

Josiah Doane Esq.r President -

Mess.rs Wild - Goodwin - D.West - Bradley - Scott Barnes - Ellis - J. West -

and Secretary. -

It was stated that there was a very great Remissness in the persons employed by the Scavengers in attending their Duty - that they did not get out at an early hour in the morning - nor afternoon - and that they quitted their work be early in the Evening and that they were not properly provided with Brooms and in many respects had conducted improperly and indecently with the Inhabitants -

Thereon Voted unanimously - that Mr Folsom be Directed to see that the Carts are out every working day by 5 o'Clock a.m are ther to Breakfast at 8 - and out again at 9 - that they quit for Dinner at 1 p.m are come out again at half past two and work till seven - that they be furnished with proper Brooms & that on any fault being discovered by any Member of this Board in any of the Drivers such Member is empowered to discharge such Driver immediately -

Adjourned.

1802
July 21 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day Present Isaiah Doane Esq President.
Mess. Bradley. J. West. Folsom. Wild. Scott, Barnes
and Secretary. ———

Voted That each Member of this Board endeavour to procure two Patients on whom the intended experiments relative to the Efficacy of the Kine Pox as a preventative against the Small Pox. shall be made. and Report at the next Meeting. ———

Voted That Mess. Doane. J. West and Gardner be a Committee to Procure some suitable Building in some situation comporting with the Opinion of the Town wherein to make the Experiments alluded too in the preceding vote. and that they be also empowered to provide Necessarys for the House. Nurses. Boats & such things as may be wanted ———

Voted That Mr Doane be requested to call on the Collector and represent the Necessity of attending to the Regulation of this Board that no Vessell from any Infected Port be allowed entry without Certificate from this Office of her Purification ———

Adjourned

July 30 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This day. Present
Isaiah Doane Esq President.
Mess. Goodwin, Barnes. Folsom. Ellis. Wild and
Secretary. ———

The Account of J. W. Folsom. for Cash employed this month, cleaning Streets was allowed. amounting to Three hundred seventy Eight dollars ———

Mr Doane reported that he had waited upon the Collector and that he had obtained from him the assurance of Particular attention to the matters suggested by the Board relative to the Entry of Vessells.

Adjourned ———

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Aug. 4 At a meeting of the Board of Health - This Day
Present, Isaiah Doane Esq. President ——
Mess. Folsom. Pebble. Goodwin. Bradley. Scott.
D West. Barnes. J. West. Wild.
——————— and Secretary. —

The Names of Seventeen Persons being returned as Candidats for Inoculation with the Kine Pox & Small Pox. & the Committee having reported That they could be accomodated at Nodles Island after the 20 September. It was Voted. That the Secretary be Directed to write to the several Physicians & request their attendance at this Board on Wednesday next. in order to fix upon the Plan for carrying the proposed experiment into Effect ——

Voted That the Meetings of this Board in future be at 12 o Clock. M ——

Capt Harris who stands Recognized to answer at the Supreme Court for Violating the Regulations of this Board in Quarantine concerns. at his Request was Admitted and Pleads that it was done through Ignorance & with no bad Design - after considerable Conversation and he had retired. It was Voted That the President and Secretary be Commissioned to confer with the Attorney General & have the Business settled on the easiest terms the Law will admit. He (Capt Harris) paying all Costs ——

Adjourned ——

August. 11 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President ——
Mess. Brady. Scott. Goodwin. J. West. —
D West. Ellis. Barnes. Wild.
Folsom ——— and Secretary ——

The Physicians attended agreably to request & Monday 11 o Clock was appointed to commence the Inoculation of the Children with the Kine Pox. who were to be brought forward by the Board ——

Voted That Weber be discharged from payment of Fencing Fines and Smoaking his House lately infected with Small Pox & that the same be paid by this Board ——

Voted That from this day Quarantine be laid on all Vessells from Philadelphia - and also from Baltimore if in the Opinion of the Weekly Committee & Secretary it should be thought necessary - and that this Order be Published & the Collector Pilots and Officers of Fort Independance be Notified thereof -

Adjourned till next

11 Clock

Aug 16 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day -

Present

Isaiah Doane Esq. President -

Mess. Barnes - Scott - J. West - Goodwin - Folsom - Ellis - Bradley - Wild - Pubble

and Secretary. -

Twenty two Persons candidates for Innoculation with Kine Pox on the Plan proposed by this Board, were introduced Viz -

By Mr Doane, Thomas Truman -
Elisha L. Truman -
By Mr Goodwin - Ozias Goodwin Junr
George Goodwin -
By Mr Scott .... Daniel Scott Junr
Thomas Spear -
By Mr Bradley - Seth King Junr -
George Forbes -
Samuel Norton -
Thomas Forbes -
Charles Packard -
By Mr Barnes - William Austin
John Harris -
Samuel Watts Junr
By J. West .... Reubin Loring
William Green -
By Mr Wild .... Henry Williams -
Robert Williams -
By Mr Folsom ... Benjamin Silsby
John Silsby -
By Mr Gardner - Samuel Ritchie
John Wyer -

The Physicians who attended were Lloyd - Waterhouse - Fuselli - S. C. Howard - T Danforth - Rand - Jeffries - Warren and a Number of Private Gentlemen Viz Col: Revere Genl Winslow - Major Russell - Abiel Smith - Mr Warren Watts & others -

Adj to Friday 11 Clock

August 20 At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth This Day

Present

Isaiah Doane Esq President

Mrs. Goodwin Scott Folsom D West Scott Wild Bradley Barnes D West

and Secretary.

The Persons Innoculated with the Kine Pock were this Day examined by the Board and the following Physicians Viz Warren T. Danforth S. Danforth Lloyd Waterhouse and D. C. Howard

Adj. till Monday 11 o'Clock

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23 At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth This Day

Present

Isaiah Doane Esq Pres.

Mrs. Bradley, Barnes, Scott, Wild, Goodwin D West

and Secretary

The Family of Mr Blake who were sent to the Point of Dorchester suspected of Infection with Fever from Mrs Tripp who Died at their House having in the Opinion of this Board violated their Agreement by despising a Number of Persons to visit their Dwellings at the Points It was Voted That the Secretary write them a letter charging them with this violation and stating that if the same was repeated they should be published

The Persons under Innoculation with the Kine Pock were examined & all Declared to be infected by Doctors Waterhouse D. C. Howard T. Danforth Rand and Lloyd

Adj. to Thursday 11 Clock

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26 At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth This Day Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President. Mrs Scott Goodwin, Bradley D West. Barnes & Secretary.

The Persons under the Operation of the Kine Pock were this day examined by Doctors Lloyd. Warren T Danforth D. C. Howard and Waterhouse and all pronounced indisputably infected with the Kine Pox and fit subjects for the Experiment contemplated

Adjourned

1802
Aug. 28

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health This Day - Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President — Mess. D West - Ellis - Scott - Wild - Folsom and Secretary —

The Family of Mr Jonathan Cary - High Street - being Infected with the Yellow Fever and refusing to be removed the Committee wished advice from the Board - Thereupon It was Voted That a Warrant be demanded according to Law to remove Mrs Cary to the Island - Mr Cary - being in such State as to make his removal hazardous was permitted to remain and guards to be placed to stop all unnecessary intercourse - and that Preparation be made for his Interment immediately on his decease if that Event should take place from the present Disorder — —

Adjourned —

August 30

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day - Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President — Mess. Goodwin - Bradley - Scott - I. West - Barnes Folsom - Ellis - and Secretary —

Voted That the Committee of the Week be empowered to hire twelve Men or three Cars - to Scrape and Sweep the Streets and to employ such Carts as may be necessary to carry away the Dirt —

Voted That Mr James Beale and Family who were sent away on account of Mr Cary's Death in his House be permitted to return to Town —

The Amount of John W Folsom for Scavengers and Carts employed this Month was Passed amounting to Three Hundred sixty four dollars —

Adjourned to Wednesday Week —

1802
Septem. 8 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day Present Isaiah Doane Esq President —
Mess. Bradley - Goodwin - Folsom - Scott. Wild. West and Secretary —

Voted That whenever the Committee of the Week can Ascertain that no Case of Malignant and contagious Fever exists in Town - they cause the same to be made Public by Advertisment —

Adjourned —

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15 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This day. Present - Isaiah Doane Esq President —
Mess. Scott - J. West - D West - Folsom - Wild and Secretary. —

It appearing by the Reports of the Physicians and upon examination by the Committee that their Rests no Case of the Fever - the Committee are requested to cause the same to be published in all the Papers agreably to the Vote of the 8th Inst. —

Adjourned.

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24 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day Present — Isaiah Doane Esq. President —
Mess. Bradlee - D West - J. West - Barnes - Goodwin - Folsom - Tibble and Secretary.

The Secretary reported that a Committee from an Association of Medical Gentlemen had applied for the use of this Office or the Adjoining Chamber as may be convenient for the Purpose of Innoculating with Kine Pox the Poor of the Town Gratis - Whereon Voted - That their Request be Granted —

The Secretary was directed to write to the several Physicians of the Town requesting them Daily to leave written report at this House (for this Board) of all Cases of contagious Fever under their care - which should be sent for every afternoon at 2 Clock — and that he employ Mr Kuhn for this Duty —

Adjourned

1802
Septem 30 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This day
Present — Isaiah Doane Esq. President —
Mess. Goodwin Folsom, Scott D. West. Otis. Wild
and Secretary.

The following Amounts having been Examined & Approved by the Committee of Amounts were severally allowed ——

Viz. S. W. Folsom for Scavengers Carts &c. this Month
Three hundred sixty four dollars — $364 —
W. Phillips Messenger one Quarters Salary
Ninety two & Half dollars — 92.50
J. Bridge — Thirty dollars — } for Men and Carts cleaning Streets under the vote of Aug. 30 — } 60.66
N. Dickinson — Thirty dollars 66/cts } 60.66
$517.16

Adjourned.

October 6 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This day
Present — Isaiah Doane Esq — President
Mess. Goodwin. Wild — Barnes — Folsom — Bradley
D. West — J. West and Secretary —

On Representation of the Committee that the Hospital was ready for the Reception of the Children who were to be Innoculated with Small Pox as an Experiment & proof of the Utility of the Kine Pox — Voted — That the Secretary notify the Doctors thereof and request their attendance on Saturday 12 o Clock ——

In Consideration of the Extra duties required of Mr Spear in consequence of the Fever and the Number of Persons sent to the Island by the Board by reason whereof the Expenses of those Persons could not be collected from themselves as was contemplated — Voted That Mr Spear have Leave to present those Accounts for the Approbation of the Committee of Accounts & for Passing by this Board.

Adjourned

1802

Oct. 9 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This day present Isaiah Doane Esq. President

Mess. Preble — Bradley — D West — J. West — Goodwin. Folsom and Secretary

Voted That the Secretary notify the Collector that only two cases have existed of Fever for several Days past and that those are so far terminated as not to be contagious — & that therefore they are warranted in saying no case of Contagious Fever exists to our knowledge —

Voted That Application be made to Dr Aspinwall for Small Pox matter for the experiments contemplated —

Adjourned —

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18 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day present — Isaiah Doane Esq. President —

Mess. D West — Preble — Goodwin — Bradley — Edes — Wilds and Secretary —

Voted That the Quarantine be taken off from all Vessells from Philadelphia after the 12th Inst and that Publication be made of the Situation of the Town that no Case of Contagious Fever exists — Adjourned —

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27 At a meeting of the Board of Health This Day

Present — Isaiah Doane Esq. President,

Mess. J. West. Swett. Goodwin. Barnes. Folsom, Edes and Secretary —

The Accounts following, being approved by the Committee on Accounts, were allowed and Passed — Viz —

Thomas Spear — for Expenses of Cooney. Briggs. Robinson Smith. Carlton Cidna. Bostick. Rowse. who were all sent down with the Fever — One hundred fifteen dollars fifty Cents . . . . . 115.50 —

Richard Thayer — for three Coffins. Ten & half dollars . . . 10.50 —

John W. Folsom — for Carts this month Three hundred sixty four — dollars } . . . 364 —

Samuel Phillips — Chairing Work House — Nineteen dollars fourteen Cents . . . . . } 19.14 —

Elijah Loring — for two Coffins. Seven dollars . . . 7 —

$ 51.14 —

Voted That the Quarantine generally be taken off from & after the last day of this Month and upon the same principles and terms as were adopted the last season. —

Adjourned —

1802

Nov. 1 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President. Mess. Goodwin. Ellis. West. Wild. Bradley & West and Secretary.

Ordered. That during the Winter Season. This Office be shut afternoon. and open at ten o'Clock A. M. and that the Meetings of this Board be once a Fortnight; unless otherwise specially Directed by the Weekly Committee.

Prince Sears who was inoculated at Brookline with the Small Pox and whose expenses were to have been paid by this Board. provided he could furnish matter to effect the experiment to be made upon the Persons inoculated with the Kine Pock. appeared by the Board but he having had no Eruption could not furnish it. but in consideration of his good Intention however the Board considered him Voted. That the Secretary make him a Compliment in the Name of this Board of Five dollars ——

It having been communicated to this Board that Small Pox matter could be obtained at Farmington for the purpose above mentioned and David Bradley Esq. having very politely offered his Services to procure same Therefore Voted That this Board do accept with gratitude the offer of Mr Bradley ——

Adjourned.

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20 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President.
Mess. Bradley. Goodwin. Wild. Folsom.
and Secretary ——

No business done. except to Adjourn till Monday next.

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22 The Business of the Island prevented the Meeting according to adjournment. ——

29 The Business of the Island again prevented the Meeting as directed by the President and Committee ——

1802
December 6 At a meeting of the Board of Health This Day — Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President — Mess. Bradley — Goodwin — Scott — J. West — D. West — Barnes — Folsom — and Secretary. —

The following Amounts were Passed — Viz

Edward Vanrevers for Cleansing Houses and Interment of Sundry Poor Persons with Yellow Fever — Forty Dollars
David Darlington for Interment of John Lash — Ten Dollars
Allan Lauklins — for Do — of Wm Safford — Ten Dollars —
Newman & Rogers for Do — of — Duncan — Ten Dollars
Edmunds & James for Do — of — W Taylor — Ten Dollars —
George Geyer for Do — of Carltons Child and Cleans.g Menihans House } — Seven Dollars
Junr. —

Voted That the Secretary settle with Mr Williams for such Articles as he has supplyd and also for use of the Island for the Experiments on the Utility of the Kine Pock and that he settle with the Nurses for their services — allowing Fifty dollars to be adjusted by Mr Truman — and that he also make Sale of the Articles left on hand —

Voted That should any Vessells be Ordered to Hilsborough Quarantine this Winter — D. Welsh shall Collect the Establishd fees previous to Discharging such Vessell and divide the same equally with the Island Keeper —

Voted That the President Mr Scott and the Secretary be Committee to prepare Report of the Result of the Experiments made on the Kine Pock. —

The Children were examined for the last time by Drs. Lloyd — Warren — Rand — Howard — Waterhouse and Welsh in presence of the Board —

Adjourned —

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15 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President —
Mess. Scott — Goodwin — Wild — Bradley — J. West — D. West — Tubbs — Folsom — Ellis — and Secretary

The Report of the Committee on the Vaccine Experiments were Accepted and Ordered by the Board to be printed —

Adjourned —

1802
Decemb. 29 At a meeting of the Board of Health This day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President
Mess. Bradby Scott D Wait J Wait Goodwin Preble
and Secretary

The following Accounts were passed viz —

Joel Smith.	For Twelve dollars forty five Cents repairs on Adams House	$12.45
William Phillips	for Ninety dollars fifty Cents ...	90.50
	Mr Ingersol's salary —	
Wm Allaway	One hundred dollars	
David Brady	Sixty one Dollars nine cents	187.90
Nathaniel Manning	Twenty six Dollars	
		290.85
A Grant passed for an advance to Doctor Welch for Three hundred thirty five dollars		335 —
		3025.35

Settled

The Secretary was directed to make just settlements with Wspiar —

adjourned.

1803
January 19 At a Meeting of the Board of Health —
This day — Present
Isaiah Doane Esq. Pres.t
Mess. Bradby — Goodwin — Wild — Tolson — Barnes
D Wait — and Sec.y

Mess. Doane and Bradby were appointed a Committee to settle the Commonwealths Account —
Adjourned —

Feb.y 2 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health This day
Present — Isaiah Doane Esq. Pres.t
Mess. Goodwin — Ellis — Bradby — Tolson —
and Secretary —
— Not a Quorum —

Adjourned —

1803

Feby 25 At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth — This day Present Isaiah Doane Esq.r Presid.t Mess.rs Bradley — Doane — Godwin — D. West — and Secretary —

Not a Quorum —

Adjourned —

March 9 At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth this day Present — Isaiah Doane Esq.r Presid.t Mess.rs Scott — D West — J West — Poole — Ellis — Wild — Ellis — Folsom — and Secretary —

Voted That the Committee of Accounts together with the President be a Committee to audit the Annual Accounts and to prepare those Acts for Publication —

Voted That Mess.rs Folsom — Scott and Secretary be Committee to examine into the State claim for Labor sustained by the Island concerns the past year —

Voted That the Secretary prepare Notifications and the usual Publications for choice of the New Board of Heatth —

Adjourned

March 23 At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth — this Day — Present Isaiah Doane Esq.r Presid.t Mess.rs Bradley — D West — Wild — J. West — Scott — Folsom — and Secretary —

The Committee Appointed for that Purpose — Reported that they had Examined the Treasurer & Secretarys Accounts & found them Correct — they were accordingly Accepted & a draft for Ballance ordered in his favour of Four hundred twenty Six Dollars and Eight Cents — $426.. 8 —

The following Accounts were also Passed. Viz —

D Welch	for attend.g Sick	Forty dollars	40.. —
Adams & Rhoads	for Printing	Twenty dollars	20.. —
Russell & Cutler	Do.	Thirty Seven & half dollars	37.. 50
James White	Stationary	Ten dollars Seventy four Cts	10.. 74
West & Greenleaf	Do.	Twenty nine dollars 82 Cts	29.. 82
D Bartlett	Do.	Forty Six dollars 44 Cts	46.. 44
Wm Phillips	Salary & Sundays	Ninety Nine dollars 66	99.. 66
Edw. Vanever	Cleansing Holes	Fourteen Dollars	14.. —
Amos Lewis	Eight dollars		
Thos Stevenson	Five dollars		
Elisha Copeland	Five dollars		24.. —
Sol. Hunt	Two dollars		
Isa.h Holbrook	Four dollars		
Elisha Hunt	for Coffins	Six Dollars	6.. —
Elijah Loring	Do.	Four Dollars	4.. —

Carried forward — $758.. 24 —

1803
March 23

Amt. of Grants brot over ..... $ 758.24
To David Bradley - Sund. Ords. - One dollar 16 ..... 1.16
L. Shurs - Chaise Hire ..... Two Thirds Dollars 2.50
O. Gragg - Hack hire ..... Seventy five Cents 75
$ 762.65

The Committee appointed to examine into the Propriety of M'Spears Claim for Loss sustained by the Gland concern this season - Reported that they had attended the Duty assigned them & find that in consequence of the Sickness last season M'Shear was obliged to hire an Additional Nurse and Man and that he ought to be allowed therefor Two Hundred dollars - Which Report was Accepted 200
$ 962.65

Adj till Wednesday next.

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30 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess. Scott Pubble Goodwin I. West D West Ellis Wilde
Barnes - and Secretary -

The Committee appointed to Examine the Annual Accounts and prepare the same for Publication Reported the following for that Purpose -

"Board of Health
Health Office April 6. 1803 -

Agreably to the Custom of this Board the annual Exhibit of their Expenses is respectfully submitted - and altho they have to lament the necessity of its exceeding that of the last season by reason of the sickness which at times assumed so formidable an Appearance - yet conscious of having had proper respect to Economy and the Interests of their constituents they set upon it their Candour and approbation -

Statement. -

Paid John W. Folsom for Carts Horses and men employed for the purpose of Cleansing Streets	$ 2198 -	
" Dirkason & Bridge for ditto	60.66	$ 2258.66
Paid Messengers Salary		370. -
Paid for Cleansing Towns Dock Head of Scotts Wharf		120. -
Paid Expenses of the Sick including $200 allowed Spear for Extra Nurses & Attendants at the Gland - Sextons for Funeral Charges and Cleansing Houses. Doctors fees Maintainance of Sick. Repairs of Old Alms House & Sundry Incidental Charges		663.84
Paid for Printing - Stationary - Constables for distributing Notifications & Incidental Expenses of the Board		202.5
Paid Ballance of Quarantine Account		53.43
		$ 3667.98
Cr By Cash Rec'd for Sight Cards $100 - Fines $29		129. -
Nett Exps of Board -		$ 3538.98

Report Continued —

The Board of Health being appointed and empowered by the Town to carry into Effect certain Experiments in Proof of the Utility of the Cow Pox as a Preventive against the Small Pox. Take leave also to State That the Expenses attending that Business — including a Building erected for the Purpose on Williams Island maintainance of Nurses — Assistant — twenty two Boys — Wages of Nurses Assistant and Boatman — Expenses of a Physician and one other Gentleman to Falmouth after the Small Pox in that Town — Printing Expenses &c amount to Seven hundred and Nine Dollars Two Cents — — — — — — $709.2 —

The following Statement of Incidental Expenses under the Direction of this Board is Published for General Information —

Paid Doctors and Secretarys Salaries — Island Keepers Wages as Board of Health — Materials for Cleansing Streets — Quarantine Flags — Annual Visit to Island — Printing Certificates &c $291.15

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By Cash Rec'd for Expenses Incurred — $140 —
" Balance on Hand from the Last year 127.72
" Balance Expenses Attending Smallpox in the present year — 53.43 291.15

which Report having been Read was Unanimously approved by the Board and Ordered to be published accordingly —

Voted That the Secretary employ Persons to distribute Notifications of the Meeting for Choice of Members of the Board the year ensuing. —

Adjourned —

New Board. 1803 April 8th

Returns from the Several Wards being made of the Gentlemen chosen of the Board the present year Viz —

Ward No. 1. Ozias Goodwin — Ward No. 7 — Thomas Danforth
2. Robert Gardner — 8 — David Bradley
3. William Dodd — 9 — Benj. Russell
4. Jonathan Wild — 10 — John Holland
5. Samuel Sturgis — 11 — John C. Howard
6. Isaiah Doane — 12 — Thomas Williams

the President Directed a Meeting to be called This Day at 12 o Clock Noon

Notified Accordingly R. Gardner Sec.

1803
April 8 —
New Board
— Organized —

The following Members of the New Board having convened agreable to Notification — viz —
Messrs. Goodwin — Gardner — Dodd — Wild — Sturgis — Doane
Howard — Danforth — Russell — Holland — Williams —

Josiah Doane Esq. was chosen President and Robert Gardner, Secretary —

Voted That the Division of this Board into weekly Committees as heretofore practised be adopted the present year — viz —

Goodwin, Gardner, Dodd — } First Division
Wild, Sturgis, Doane — } Second Division —

Danforth — Bradley, Russell — } Third Division
Holland, Howard, Williams — } Fourth Division.

Messrs Goodwin Russell and Secretary were appointed a Committee to consider whether any and what alterations are necessary in the Seamen Department —

Messrs. Doane — Danforth and Holland were appointed a Committee to consider what Business it is necessary to act upon at the next meeting —

Adjourned till Wednesday

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13 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day
Present Josiah Doane Esq. President
Messrs. Goodwin, Sturgis, Danforth, Williams — Dodd —
Holland — Howard — Wild — Bradley — Russell
and Secretary

Doctor Thomas Welsh — was unanimously chosen — Visiting Physician of this Board for the year ensuing —

Voted That the Salary of the Visiting Physician be Six hundred fifty dollars — Of the Secretary Five hundred and fifty dollars and of the Messenger Three hundred and fifty dollars — and that their Duty be the same as the last year.

Voted That Robert Gardner be Treasurer for the year ensuing —

Mess. Goodwin Holland and Williams were chosen the Committee on Accounts —

Mess. Doane - Goodwin Gardner were appointed a Committee to confer with the Selectmen —

The Secretary was empowered to Contract for the hosting the ensuing year — and also to lease the Night Carts under proper Restrictions of which he would judge conducive to the best given at the Board —

The President was requested to give the necessary information of the Existence of the Town's year to the Town Committee —

The Committee to whom the Affairs of the Scavengers Department were Committed - Reported that it would be for the Interest of the Town to Buy the necessary Horses and Carts and to employ the necessary Drivers & Superintendants and that according to their Calculation the Horses could be procured on an average of Seventy dollars each - the Carts and Harnes at Fifty dollars each - the drivers at Twenty dollars pr Month each - the Superintendant at Twenty five dollars pr Month - The Maintainance of Horses at Two dollars pr Week each - and an Allowance of One Hundred and fifty dollars for keeping the Cats - Making the purchase & Sale of Horses in the Fall &c and that Premiums should also be awarded to the most Faithful Scavengers —

Which Report was Accepted - and Mess. Russell & Gardner were appointed a Committee to carry the same into Effect —

Voted That Mess. Doane - Danforth and Howard be Committee to consider the Subject of Dead Bodies being deposited under the Churches —

The Regulations of last year were generally adopted with such Alterations only as respects the time of selling Oysters - Salmon &c and were ordered Published as amended in the Chronicle & Sentinel of this week —

The Board determined that when the Quarantine takes place the same Regulations be adopted as last year except that it shall be a Standing Regulation that either the Clerk or Messenger shall visit in person and examine all the Bedding and Clothing which may arrive in any Vessell on Board of which there has been any Sickness during the Voyage - and that for each Vessell of Forty Tons shall be liable to a fine of Five Dollars —

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1803
April 27 At a meeting of the Board of Heatth This day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President
Mess. Goodwin - Bradley - Holland - Howard - Dodd -
Williams - Danforth - Russell
and Secretary

900 - Voted That a draft for Nine hundred dollars be made in favour of the Treasurer of this Board for Scavengers department.

The Committee appointed to carry into Effect the Regulations adopted by this Board in the Scavengers department Reported That they had appointed William Symmes Superintendant and that they had also hired the Scavengers all of whom had given Bonds and that the Horses Carts & Men were ready to commence Sweeping on the first of May as usual —

The Secretary was directed to Publish That if any Persons were desirous of the Scavengers dirt to fill up Wharves &c they might be accommodated on application to this Office and that notice be given the Scavengers to have the dirt made in their Yards ready for the Carts on or after the first day of May instant and also that the Regulations be the same as last year — Attest Nes

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May 4 — At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth this Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq Presidt. —
Mess. Holland - Sturgis - Russell - Dodd - Howard
Bradley - Williams - Danforth —
and Secretary —

Quarantine Voted That the Quarantine commence on the Fifteenth instant and that the Secretary cause the following notice to be published —

Heatth Office, Boston May 5. 1803 —

Notice is hereby Given — That the Board of Heatth have, and do hereby direct, That on and after the 15th of the present Month, and untill the same shall be otherwise ordered — all Vessells from the West India Islands, or any Port or Place in America or Africa, between the Tropics, or from any Port or Place within the Straights of Gibraltar, or from any other Port or Place whatever where any Contagious disorder does, or has recently Prevailed — and also all Vessells on Board of which, during their Voyage, there has any Person died or been sick — shall together with the Crews of such Vessells and all Passengers thereon, Perform Quarantine at Rainsford (or Hospital) Island previous to their entering the Inner Harbour of Boston — under the direction of the visiting Physician of this Board — And all Pilots and others concerned are to take notice of this Order and Govern themselves accordingly —

By Order of the Board of Heatth
Isaiah Doane — Clerk
Heatth Office

Heath Office Boston May 5, 1803

The Board of Heath direct that all Vessells which may arrive at this Port from any Port or Place deem'd by this Board infectious and which may have entered at any of the Out Ports in this Vicinity previously shall together with the Crews and Passengers of such Vessell perform Quarantine in like manner as if directly from such Infected Port. — The Board also Notify that all Persons are forbidden to Land on Rainsford Island, or to Communicate in any manner with any Vessells performing Quarantine there without permission obtained from the Board of Heath

By Order of the Board of Heath

Josiah Coane President

Wednesday

Voted that the Secretary give written notice of the Order of Quarantine to Thomas Knox — Robert Knox and Charles Cole the Pilots of this Port —

The Secretary was directed to forward the following to the Commanding Officer of Fort Independance —

Heath Office Boston May 5, 1803 —

Sir The Board of Heath of the Town of Boston have ordered a Quarantine on all Vessells which may arrive here on and after the 15th Instant from any of the West India Islands or from any Port or Place in America or Africa between the Capes of Florida and the Streights of Gibraltar or from any Port or Place within the Streights of Gibraltar or from any other Port or Place whatever where any Contagious Disease does or has recently prevailed — and also on all Vessells on Board of which during their voyage any person has died or been sick and also on all Vessells from any of the above Places which may have previously entered at any of the Out Ports — and they are to perform this Quarantine under the Direction of Doctor Thomas Welsh the Visiting Physician of this Board —

Agreably to the Act of Congress in that Respect — We do therefore request you would afford our said Physician all Needful aid in the discharge of this Duty by preventing all Vessells of the above Discription from passing your Forts without the Certificate of Health of our said Physician and that for this purpose you would Hail all Vessells attempting to Pass the Fort and Order that they may be detained if of either of the above discriptions —

Yours Respectfully

President —

Voted that the President Mess. Bradley Rice & Hall and William be a Committee to proceed to Rainsford Island and mark out the Lines to seperate the Sick Convalescent and Well from each other during the Quarantine —

The Committee appointed to consider the Subject of Dead Bodies being Interred under Churches — Report that from the Construction of the Vaults under Christs & Trinity Churches the Bodies there cannot be conveniently laid and above the Surface of the Street and Surrounding Ground and ought for the Safety of the Inhabitants

to be laid under Ground - and that all the Tombs under the Chapel Church are below the Surface except the Strangers Vault - which the Comm[itte]e recommend shall be closed - and that during the warm weather time would be Staked Weekly under all Churches where Dead Bodies are deposited - at the Expence of the Proprietors and that the Secretary make the necessary enquiries of the Proprietors in Order to Effect these purposes —

— Which Report was Accepted —

Adjourned.

May 11 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day

Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President -
Mess. Holland. Howard. Wild. Williams. Russell. Bradley.
Dodd - Danforth -
and Secretary —

Whereas it may often be the case that Salmon may be kept unsalted for more than twenty four hours without Injury and with the Entrails in while whole - Voted - That discretionary Power be lodged with the Weekly Committee or any two of the Members to Dispense with the Regulations of the Board in this Instant —

Voted That the Residue of this Board be added to the Committee of Visitation to Rainsfords Island - appointed at the last Meeting —

Voted That the Visiting Physician be directed to give his Certificate of Health to all Vessels from any Port or Place — within the Streights of Gibraltar where no Contagious Sickness prevailed during her Stay at such place or at the time of her Departure therefrom and who shall have had thirty days passage and on Board of whom during that time no person has been Sick —

Adjourned —

May 13 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day at Rainsfords Island -

Present Isaiah Doane Esq. Pres[t]
Mess. Bradley - Goodwin - Dodd - Danforth - Williams
Wild —
and Secretary —

Voted That the Island Keeper - be & he is — hereby empowered to Board all Vessels at Quarantine by Night or by Day and to Demand a Muster

of all hands whenever he suspects any to be Absent
and to report all Delinquents to this Board to be Dealt
with to the utmost rigour of Law —

The following Divisions of the Island and Regulations
were Ordered by the Board — Viz

For the Sick —

The Southerly part of the Island beyond the Flags called the
Sick Head — the Ground between the Flags to be the Line of
Division between the Sick and well — any Person send-
ing within these Bounds and above High Water mark are to
be considered as Infected and confined to the Sick Head —

For the whole Port —

The whole District at the Easterly or S. Easterly Part
of the Island within the Flags — No Person to come —
within these Bounds without Licence of the Visiting
Physician —

Gentlemen with their Wives —
Children &c —

The Visiting Physician may Permit Persons of this Descrip-
tion and such whose peculiar situation requires it to
take Lodgings at Spears House — but no other Persons
are to go there on any account —

Convalescent & Well —

Shall enforce the Regulations of the Island and the Convid-
escent House — subject to the usual Instructions of the Island
and the Discretion of the Visiting Physician —

Adjourned

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18 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day
Present Sylvan Doane Esq. President
Mr. Doane Holland Howard Wils Bradley
and Secretary

Voted That Mr. Doane Howard and Russell be a
Committee to Inspect the Prison (which is represented to
this Board as exceedingly Filthy and a great Nuisance
in consequence thereof — and if so found by this Committee
that they be requested to consult with the Towns Attorney
upon some mode to be adopted for removing the present
and preventing the future Evils which may occur from
this Source —

Adjourned.

1803
June 1

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day
Present — Isaiah Doane Esq. President.
Mess. Bradley — Dodd — Goodwin — Howard — Holland
Sturgis — Williams — Danforth and Secretary

Voted That the Schooner Sally be Discharged from Quarantine and the Captain Prosecuted for his Conduct in Hailing from Cape Ann & for refusing to proceed to Quarantine after notice from the Pilot to the utmost Rigour of the Law —

The Expediency of requiring all Vessells to report to this Board the State of Health of their Crews previous to entry at the Custom House — was submitted for the Consideration of the Board till next Meeting and the Secretary to note the same on the Notifications —

Adjourned —

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8 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day — Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President.
Mess. Holland — Dodd — Goodwin — Bradley — Howard — Williams — Wild — Danforth and Secretary.

Voted That the President and Capt Goodwin — be a Committee to wait on the Collector with the following vote —

Health Office — Boston June 8. 1803 —

Notwithstanding the Orders of this Board to the Contrary — Vessells from Places infected with Contagious Diseases by entering all the Outports — and also Vessells with Sick Persons on Board — by false and Deceptive Answers given to those enquiring & Interrogated from — Have entered the Inner Harbour of Boston and thereby exposed the Inhabitants to Dangers which is the Duty of this Board to prevent — The Object to Effect this Desirable Object and to preserve the Health and Safety of the Inhabitants — It is Directed by this Board — That all Vessells from any foreign Port — During the Quarantine — shall previous to being Admitted to Entry at the Custom House — Obtain from the Secretary of this Board — a Certificate of Health in the Common Form —

And the Secretary was Directed to give Notice to the Pilots as follows —

Board of Health

Health Office Boston June 8. 1803

The Pilots are Directed to Notify the Masters of all Vessells from Foreign Ports (Altho' they may not be from any of the Ports w^ch are subject them to Quarantine agreeable to the Order of the 5th May which is to be Strictly observed) that they must immediately make Report to the Board of Health &c — that they cannot go at the Custom House without having obtain'd Certificate of Health and Report —

Voted That the Fee for the Certificate above mentioned to be the above Order be Fifty Cents.

Adjourned.

Notified according to Order June 8 —

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15 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day Present Jaiah Doane Esq^r Pres^t Mess^rs Bradley — Goodwin — Holland — Russell — Howard and Secretary —

On Motion it was Voted That Wednesday next be assigned to take into Consideration the Subsequent Propositions —

First — Whether it is not expedient to Pass a Regulation that when there are persons sick with Contagious Fever on the Island that no Permits to visit the Island shall be granted —

Second — What exceptions may be made to the preceding regulation —

Third — When any one is permitted to visit a Sick friend at the Island Whether he or she shall not perform a certain Quarantine —

Fourth — Whether some Additional Regulations respecting the time the Visiting Physician shall remain on the Island when there are Sick Persons there are not necessary — and —

Fifth — Whether one Visiting Physician is able to discharge the Duties in the most perfect Safety of the Citizens & comfort of the Sick may require & if not whether an Additional one ought not to be appointed —

Adjourned

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June 21 At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health this day Present Isaiah Doane Esq President —
Mess. Bradley Goodwin Holland Danforth Sturgis and Secretary —

A Letter from Capt Geo: Rappell was read acknowledging his having violated the Quarantine Regulations of this State and praying the Consent of the Board to a Continuance of the Action brought against him on that account or that the Board would accept his Fine and discharge him that he might proceed on a voyage he was engaged in — which was committed to the President & Secretary with directions to consult the Attorney General and to do therein as he might direct —

Adjourned —

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22 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day

Present
Isaiah Doane Esq President —

Mess. Goodwin Sturgis Dodd —
Bradley — Rufsell — Williams
Wild — Danforth — and
Secretary.

The Committee to whom was referd the application of Capt Rappell reported — That they had returned the Papers to Justus Bourne and referd Capt Rappell to the Attorney General —

Mess. Doane Bradley and Rufsell were appointed a Committee to confer with the Sheriff and to carry into Effect such Regulations as may be agreed on.

Voted That the Board visit the Farm on Wednesday next and that the President Secretary and [illegible] be committee of Arrangment —

The Propositions made on Wednesday last and continued to this day for Consideration were taken up and after considerable Debate were thus Disposed of —

1. Propos: First Was adopted and becomes a Regulation of this Board —

2 Propos: Second Was determined so that no Exceptions should be allowed to the Regulation above upon to exist by Vote of the Board legally Assembled - and it was left at the Discretion of the Health Committee to call a Board to determine upon applications for Dispensing with the General Rule whenever they deem it expedient —

3 Propos: Third Is considered as a Standing Regulation of this Board —

4 Propos: Fourth - Was left at the discretion of Dr Welch. -

5. Propos: Fifth - Left with the Health Committee with Power to procure such Aid as may be necessary —

The Committee of Arrangment were Requested to wait on his Excellency and Request the Honour of his Company on Wednesday next. —

Adjourned.

July 6 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day - Present Josiah Deane Esq Presidt -

Messrs. Holland - Goodwin - Sturgis - Dodd - Russell - Williams - Howard

and Secretary. -

VOTED That whenever any Vessell shall arrive and Anchor within the light House to wait for Orders whether to proceed to Town or not - every such Vessell shall Anchor near Rainsfords Island and be under the same Restrictions as Vessells at Quarantine are - and if such Vessell shall have on Board any Sick Person or shall within twenty five Days previous have had any Person on Board sick then and in such Case the visiting Physician shall proceed to cleanse such Vessell immediately and she shall be considered in all Respects as at Quarantine - But if such Vessell shall not be or have been so infected the Cleansing shall be omitted unless she is ordered up to Town - in that case her Quarantine & Cleansing shall commence from the Receipt of such Order - & if not cleansed nor ordered up to Town such Vessell may be discharged free of Expence —

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The Secretary was Directed to enquire into the Particulars of Capt Kinnards Leaving the Island & to communicate the same in the Name of this Board to the Board of Health at Portsmouth —

The Committee of the Week were requested to enquire into Mr Spears conduct in complaining to Strangers, of his Sufferings by the conduct of this Board towards him and to reprove him thereof in such way as may appear to them Proper —

One hundred fifty one dollars, sixty six Cents was Voted to be allowed for Cleansing & Superintendance cleansing the Goal Vault & that the same be Certified by the President to the Court of Sessions for Payment —

Adjourned

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July 13 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This

Present Jacob Doane Esq. President —

Messrs Goodwin — Williams — Danforth — Sturgis. Held and Secretary —

William Phillips Account for a Quarters Salary ending First instant — Ninety two dollars fifty Cents — was passed

92.50 Murdock & Taylor &c was allowed for Eighteen dollars extra Work on Carts —

18. — RG " Abram was made Rob Gardner for Cartmen Expence

902 — Four hundred sixty two dollars —

Messrs Goodwin & Gardner were appointed a Committee to procure a Suitable Office for this Board as the one now occupied by them is to Sale —

Voted That when a meeting of this Board is legally called the members present within fifteen minutes of the hour affixed shall proceed to Business — whether a Majority or not — and that Members absent shall pay a fine of Fifty Cents unless they can Offer a Reasonable Excuse to the Satisfaction of the Board.

Adjourned

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July 27

At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President —
Mess Russell Holland Danforth Sturgis Dodd
Williams & Secretary —

Information was given that Lowt Darling
two of the Sextons had buried two Bodies in Graves
less than six feet deep Contrary to the Regulations of
this Board — Ordered That they Pay a fine of Five
dollars each & give Assurance that when Weather
will permit the said Bodies shall be Interred in
Graves conformable to Law or that in Default
hereof they be Prosecuted. ——

The Weekly Committee were directed to take
into Consideration the Subject of Prohibiting the
Sale of Lobsters during Dog Days & to report —

Motion was made that Vessells from Cape de
Verds be placed on the same footing in Quarantine
as those from the Mediterranean referred to next
meeting —

Adjourned

August 3

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess. Goodwin Sturgis Dodd Williams
Danforth and Secretary

The Committee to whom was referred the Subject of
Prohibiting the Sale of Lobsters during Dog Days Reports
"That a large Proportion of the Lobsters exposed for
Sale have died previous to boiling and many of them
in a putrid State and that although this was a well
authenticated Fact yet they cannot be detected by the
Inspection because the appearance altered by
boiling is the same in the Sickly and Healthy — they
were also of the Opinion that Lobsters were at least
as unhealthy in their best State in Dog Days as Oysters
and from the Opinion obtained from Respectable Physicians
who have duly considered the Subject this Opinion is
confirmed — The Committee will not hurt the feelings of

the Board by a particular Repiesentation of those Sinks of Filth Lobster Houses Suffice it to say they are so disgusting that no Person would eat a Lobster Could There who had visited one ——

The Committee therefore Recommend that an Order might be Passed by the Board — That from & after the fifth of the next month and until the tenth of September ensuing no Lobsters shall be exposed for sale within the limits of the Town nor after that time excepting in some Place over the Water" —

Which Report was Accepted and Ordered to be Published accordingly ——

The Opinion of Several Eminent Physicians having been Communicated to this Board respecting the Nuisances made by Paper Stainers in the use of Sizing and Offensive Animal Substances whereby Sickness has in many instances been generated and many Members of the Board having been of the same Opinion upon Examination of those Places — Voted That they be Ordered to Desist from the use of Sizing or Animal Substances of the above Discription or from Keeping the same in their Manufactories within the Town until the first Day of October — and that this Order be published

Adjourned ——

August 5 At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day — Present Isaiah Doane Esq President — Mess Goodwin. Holland — Sturgis — Rufell — & Secretary

In Consequence of Reports of the Yellow Fever prevailing in New York — Ordered That Rufell Thurston and from any Port or Long Island Sound Report the State of their Vessels Cargo and Crew previous to their entry at the Custom House and that the Pilots notify the Collector of this Order ——

Adjourned

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Augst. 11

At a special Meeting of the Board of Health this day

Present David Bradley Esq. Presd. Mss Tem-
Mess. Dodd. Danforth. Sturgis. Howard. Goodwin
and Secretary

In consequence of the confirmation of the Reports of a Malignant Fever prevailing in New York
Ordered that a Quarantine be imposed on all Vessels from thence from this Date and that the Secretary cause this Order to be Published and the Pilots & others concerned to be duly notified — which was accordingly done

Ordered That all Tavern Keepers - Keepers of Boarding Houses and Stage Drivers - give notice of all Persons arriving in Town from New York - who shall have left that City since July 1st with a request that Secretary Publish this Order

Voted That all Vessels which shall be at Quarantine be obliged to admit Water into their Casks so as not to injure the Cargo & keep the Pumps going so as to cleanse the hold by washing & that the Doctor see this Order carried into Effect —

The Petition of the Lobstermen was referred to next Meeting

Adjourned

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24 At a Meeting of the Board was held this Day But no Business of Record came before them — the Meeting was therefore adjourned —

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26 At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health this Day Present Mss. Goodwin - Dodd Holland Howard - Danforth - Sturgis - Wild
and Secretary

Ordered That the Secretary Publish an Order for all Persons arriving in Town who have left the City of New York since the first Instant to report their Names & Lodgings to this Board or some Member thereof within six hours after their arrival or that they will be prosecuted and to appear them they will not be Quarantined unless actually infected with Contagious Sickness —

Adjourned —

1803
Sept 1 At a meeting of the Board of Health - this Day - Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President -
Messrs. Danforth - Sturgis - Holland - Bradley -
and Swift -

Sept 1st - Granted to Rev. Gardner Thaxter - Treasurer - for Funeral Expenses Two hundred and twenty dollars - /

Leave was granted Mr Capt to Land samples of Green Fish from his Brig by him to sell the Same - & to Land them from the end of Long Wharf & remain there two hours

Capts Lane and Pratt being suspected to breaking the Quarantine Law - the Secretary was directed to make the necessary enquiries and if it should appear that the Charges are well founded - then to prosecute them -

Adjourned.

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13 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day

Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Messrs. ~~Doane~~ Goodwin - Holland - Bradley -
Sturgis - Howard - Williams - Wild
Russell - and Secretary -

Son one of the Sextons was complained of That on Friday last in digging a Grave in the South Burying Ground - He dug up Human Bones with Flesh thereon and suffered the same to remain exposed until the dogs eat them and became sick - the Board ordered him to appear and answer to the Charge - He accordingly appear and did not deny the Charge so far as relates to digging up - but alleged in his defence that the Burying Place was so crowded as to render it impossible to dig a Grave without disturbing some Corps - Mr Edmunds and Darling two other Sextons also represented the crowded state of those Grounds whereupon Voted - That Messrs Goodwin - Holland and Eaton be a Committee to represent to the Selectmen the crowded situation of the Burying Grounds & to devise some means of enlarging & cleansing them - Now was severely reprimanded by the President and the Board

Adjourned

1803

September 10 At a meeting of the Board of Health this Day - specially assembled

Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess Goodwin - Holland - Howard - Danforth - Russel and Secretary

In consequence of the Yellow Fever breaking out in Philadelphia - Vessells from that Port were ordered to Perform Quarantine - and the Secretary was directed to take the proper measures for carrying this Order into Effect

Adjourned

17 At a Special Meeting of the Board this Day

PRESENT

Mess. Goodwin - Dodd Secretary

There being an Official Account from the City Council of Alexandria - of a Contagious Fever existing there - Vessells from that Port were ordered to Perform Quarantine & the Secretary Directed to see this Order carried into effect

Adjourned

October 5 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This day Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess. Bradley - Danforth - Goodwin - Sturgis Holland - Williams & Secretary

Voted That the Board will attend the Funeral of the late Governor Adams to Morrow agreably to the request of the Selectmen

William Phillips had an Act. of this for one Quarters Salary ending October the first. allowed being Ninety two dollars & fifty cents

Adjourned.

1803
October 27

At a meeting of the Board of Health. Thursday. Present Isaiah Doane Esq President —
Mess. Bradley. Goodwin. Russell. Wild
and Secretary —

350$ Sent up

There was Granted to the Treasurer Three hundred and fifty dollars for current expenses —

Complaint having been made by the Visiting Physician against Capt Spaulding of Schsone Hermon from Newfoundland for suffering two of his Crew to Elope & to carry at two several times four Passengers while under Quarantine Voted That he be Prosecuted. —

Adjourned —

Nov. 7

The Weekly committee having given it as their Opinion that the Quarantine might cease on all Healthy Vessels arriving after Wednesday evening. directed the Secretary to obtain the Opinion of the Members without calling a Meeting of the Board. and —

— Isaiah Doane Esq President —
Mess. Sturgis and Wild. Goodwin. Bradley. Dexter —
and Secretary —

having decided in favour of the Opinion of the Committee the necessary steps were taken by the Secretary to Notify all Concerned —

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13 At a Meeting of the Board of Health —
this day — Present
Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess. Russell. Goodwin. Holland and
Secretary —

Voted That during the Winter the Meetings of the Board be Monthly on the last Wednesday of each Month —

adjourned —

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Decr 17 At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health
This Day Present -
Jaiah Doane Esq President -
Mess Goodwin - Holland - Dodd - Danforth -
Wilde - Sturgis & Secretary -

Voted that the Secretary employ two Carts in cleaning the Streets during the Winter -

Voted That a draft be made in favour of the Treasurer for Three hundred & Eighty seven dollars to defray current Expenses & more particularly to pay Sheads Account against the State. -

$387 - (sent up)

Adjourned.

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28 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day.
Present Jaiah Doane Esq President.
Mess. Williams. Howard, Goodwin, Holland, Bradly. Dodd and Secretary. -

Voted That the Treasurer be Directed to pay the following Amounts viz Mr Ferris Mrs. Fobes & Kings - Mr Newells Mess Murdock & Taylors - Mr Janvrin & Mr Powers - Mr Amblard Fifty dollars on Account - and Welch on Account One hundred thirty Seven dollars & fifty cents - And that drafts in his favour to that purpose be made of Four hundred fifty four dollars thirty three Cents -

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William Phillips Account for one Quarters Salary was passed being ninety two dollars fifty cents -

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On Account of David Bradleys was passed being One hundred & five dollars ninety seven cents. -

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Voted That the following notice be Published -.

"Board of Health"
Health Office Dec. 28. 1803"

The Public are respectfully informed that Prosecutions will be made without any further Notice against every Person complained of for neglecting to cleanse their vaults agreable to the following Regulation of this Board published in April last when within 24 hours after the

"No Person shall Open or cleanse any vaults or Privys within the Town without Permission in writing from the Board of Health from and after the last Day of May until the first Day of November next &c -

Adjourned

1864 -
March 14

At a Meeting of the Board of Health held this day
present Josiah Doane Esq President
Dr. Hollis D. Hodgman Wilkins Rowley Benjamin
Bond - Howard
and Secretary -

The President and the Committee of Accounts were ap-
pointed to audit the weekly Accounts for Publication -

The Account of the Secretary - viz -

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For Incidental Expenses Two hundred sixty one Dollars Fifty two Cts	261.52
Expenses of Scavengers &c. Fourteen Hundred Twenty Eight Dollars & one Cent	2297.1

having been approved by the Committee of Accounts
were admitted as regular Charges on the Account
against the Town -

The Committee of Accounts having also approved
of the Secretarys Charges against the Town & those Expenses
amounting to One thousand Nine hundred and ninety-
dollars and sixteen Cents - the same was also ac-
cepted by the Board. — $1990.16

Voted That the Secretary cause the usual
Publications to the choice of the New Board to be
made and distributed -

The President made a Communication to
the Board that an Opportunity had presented itself
of making an Advantageous Contract for the Sca-
venger department next season - and that it
was necessary the same should be closed immediately
on presenting - and that therefore after consulting
with several Members of the Board - He had made a
Contract for that duty with J. Bachelor Esq. of
Chelsea - for Fourteen hundred Dollars - including
all Charges of every Kind - he to have the use of
the Scavengers Carts and Appurtenances and the
same every Horse — Whereupon Voted That the
Board do Approve the said Contract -

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The following Accounts have been approved by the Committee of Accounts was also passed by the Board —

Doctor Bartletts	Forty one dollars fifty cents	$41.50
Anthony Holbrooks	Six dollars seventy five Do	6.75
Tom & Shears	One hundred dollars forty nine Do	100.49
William Phillips	Ninety two dollars fifty Do	92.50
D. for Sundry	Paid him by Rhoades and not Carried in the aff) Nine dollars Seventy nine Cents	9.79
Benjamin Hewett	Twenty nine Dollars	29.—
Thomas Williams	Fifteen dollars fifty two cents	15.54
Russells Hutton	Thirty nine dollars seventy five ct	39.75
Benjamin Russel	Sixty dollars twenty five cts	60.25
Adams Rhoads	Twenty dollars	20.—
Doctor Welsh	Five dollars	5.—
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adjourned to Thursday 12 o'Clock —

29 Met according to Adjournment — Present

Jason Deane President —

Mess. Bradley Goodwin Hollard Williams — Sturges — Dodd — Wild and Secretary —

The Committee reported that the Secretarys Account of Two hundred and six vessells on the Quarantine list the last year is Correct and that from Ten be deducted — that is not subject to pay the fees for Quarantine and one lost by running away and another by Death — and that the Secretary be Debited on his Account for One hundred ninety six Dollars

The Secretary & Treasurers Account as stated in Account Current was approved & Publication in the usual manner conformable thereto was ordered —

Peter Vizoria was ordered to Account with the Treasurer sixty dollars for Night Cart —

Adjourned

1804
April 6 — The Inhabitants of the different Wards having been notified according to Law met on the 6th Instant and made choice of the Board of Health for the year ensuing and a competent number of Returns having been made the President directed a Meeting to be called on Saturday the 7th instant at 10 o'Clock A.M. at Hymans Tavern State Street. ——

7 Agreeable to the Order of the Board the New Members this day convened — Viz

No 1		No 7	Thos. Dawforth.
2	Robt. Gardner —	8	Ebenezer Larkin
3	Wm. Heard	9	Benj.a Rich —
4	Jon.a Wild	10	John Holland
5	Jam.s Welborn	11	N. H. Howard
6	Isaac Doane —	12	Nathaniel Marian

Isaac Doane Esq.r as President of the last Board in the Chair ——

Robert Gardner was unanimously recommended as and was Sworn to the faithful Performance of his Duty according to Law

Before —— Isaac Doane President —

The Votes for President was then called for & being examined it appeared that

—— Isaiah Doane Esquire ——

was Unanimously Chosen President ——

William Heard was chosen Assessor —

Messrs Holland Larkin and Dodd were chosen a Committee of Accounts ——

Messrs. Dodd Dawforth and Holland were appointed a Committee to [illegible] the Houses necessary to be done at next Meeting —

Mess.rs Holland and Gardner were committee to procure an Office ——

Messrs Doane Holland and Rich were appointed a Committee to consider what Alterations in the Laws Regulations may be made for the better ——

Voted that the Board be divided into Wards Committees as has been usual ——

Adjourned to Tuesday —

1804

April 13 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess. Merriam - Robinson - Hitchborne - Danforth -
Holland - Dodd - Rich - Wilde
& Secretary -

Dr. Thomas Welsh was chosen Visiting Physician -

The Secretarys Salary was Voted to be Five hundred & fifty dollars -

The Messengers Salary was Voted Three hundred and Seventy dollars -

Mess. Doane - Robinson & Gardner were chosen Committee to confer with Selectmen -

The Secretary was directed to Contract for the Printing in the Sentinel and Chronicle & otherwise -

The Estimate of Money wanted for the coming Year was Three Thousand dollars & the President was requested to Report -

The Regulations of last year were adopted except that Salmon was allowed to be brought as heretofore without taking out their entrails - and disallowing Sale of Lobsters from 20th of July - to 20th September - being the time denominated dog days -

The Committee of Conference were also charged with the Consideration of what plan proper could be obtained to Dispose of the Contents of Privies -

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April 21 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day -
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President -
Mess. Merriam - Danforth - Dodd - Larkin - Holland
Hitchborne - Rich - Robinson
and Secretary -

The Visiting Physicians Salary was voted to be One Thousand dollars and fees for Sick as last year -

The Regulations of the Scavengers department were Ordered as last year -

The Secretary was directed to Publish that the Scuttle from Cleansing or Dying Cellars would be -

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considered Necessary if Necessary to remain on the Streets ——

Mess Millard Barfoth Gardner were Chosen Committee to revise the Laws of Sewer Regulation and also to examine the allowance to be made to the Island Keeper ——

The Committee Reported that they had fixed the Office rented by the Board last year for Two hundred dollars pr Year ——

Adjourned

April 26 At a Meeting of the Board of Health Present Samuel Swan Esq. President
Messrs Robinson Wade — Daniel Dodd Merriam Reed Howard Hitchborn Larkin and Secretary ——

The Report of the Committee on Quarantine offairs was Report which was read and Unanimously accepted and ordered to be Printed in a Pamphlet for the use of the Board ——

The Secretary was appointed Treasurer ——

The Quarantine to take effect as last year Commencing the first of the Boats the fifteenth Day of May ——

Grant was ordered on account of Sewer Bank Forty Seven hundred Dollars and in favour of Thomas Swan One hundred seventy five dollars Balance on Account of Sewerage Contract and the Letter in Reference

Voted That the Days of Meeting be Tuesday Thursday Saturday as it has been ——

Voted That as it has been found necessary for the Health of many persons to stop at the Fort to be Cleansed the Keeper be Directed to Continue the same Fee of Four Dollars to make such an arrangement as will answer the purpose to effect the object of this Alteration ——

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May 2 At a Meeting of the Board of Health the 25th day
Present Josiah Bowne Esq.r President —
Mess.rs Dodd Larkin Howard
& Woodhull —

Voted That the Board visit the State of Health
and do all things necessary & proper to carry into effect
the Ordinances provided —
Ordered to be Recorded —

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18 The Board this day visited the Island &
found all to be well — The annual
Inspection of the Island and Hospitals were ordered —

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23 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day —
Present Josiah Bowne Esq.r President —
Mess.rs Hallett Dodd Merriam Robinson. —
& Secretary. —

Voted That fifteen Minutes after the Hour set for a
Meeting of the Board the Members present shall proceed to
business —

Voted That the Meetings of the Board in future be
one in forenight and the Wednesday and the Hours
twelve & Two —

Voted That no sick person be admitted to the Hospital
at Ragged Island or any Pestilential situation, and if sick
with a contagious sickness save only for such time as the
Vessels in which such persons arrived shall be detained
at Marine Hospital lying intended for the purpose and
that the Board of Health will not pay or order any such
person thereafter to be any expence charge thereon contrary
to the tenor of this order —

Ordered —

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June 18 — At Special Meeting of the Board of Health was this Day held —

Present Isaiah Doane Esq President

Mess Holland — Larkin and Secretary ——

The Schooner Resolution from New Providence via Philadelphia — was represented as having performed her Quarantine at the latter place, the Visiting Physician apply for Dereliction in the case — The Board Ordered that as she brought no Bill of Health, she must perform Quarantine her ——

Adjourned to Wednesday Week ——

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27 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day

Present Isaiah Doane Esq President

Mess Hitchborne — Robinson — Meriam — Rich — Holland Larkin ——— and Secretary ——

The following Amounts having been examined by the Committee on Accounts were allowed — Viz

Sent up $141.25 — William Phillips — one Quarters Salary — Ninety two Half dollars $92.50
Seth Johnson — Mast of said N.b at his House — Ten dollars ..... 10 —
Amasa Murdock — mind Carts — Thirty eight & three qr. dollars ... 38.75
$141.25

President — Capt ——— Holland & Col Robison } were appointed a Committee to confer with Mr Baxter on respecting the right of the Scavengers — Insufficiency of the Horses &c — and to report ——

Mess. Meriam & Howard — } were appointed Committee to see whether any better place than the one now used can be found where to deposit the Street Dirt —

Col. Robinson } were appointed a Committee to consider
Capt Holland } the Expediency of increasing the Number
Mr Larkin } of Scavengers Carts ——

Adjourned for a Fortnight.

1804
July 11th At a meeting of the Board of Health This Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President —
Mess. Robinson - Rich - Merriam and Secretary —

Voted That the Board visit the Island on Thursday the
19th instant and that the Secretary provide for the Occasion &
in the name of the Board invite the usual Guests - Viz
The Governor - Lt. Governor - Selectmen - Members who retired from
the Board the last year - Past Presidents of the Board - Town Judge &
Advocate - Sheriff and Marshall - Navy Agent - Navy Officers -
Officers of Fort Independance - Collector - J. Q. Adams - & Curtis -
Town Treasurer - Town Auditor - Attorney General - Physicians
Quarter Master General - and to each Member of the Board a
Card or his Friend —

Adjourned —

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19 This Day the Board visited the Island with
a large number of Gentlemen - invited agreably to
the Vote of the 11th instant on Passing Fort Independance
a Salute was fired from the Fort by the Orders of
Captain Truman - the Commanding Officer —

August 15 At a Meeting of the Board of Health —
this day Present Isaiah Doane President —
Mess. Robinson Dodd Holland Merriam Rich
and Secretary —

The following Accounts were examined and passed —
Simmons & Babcock - for hoeing Horse in
May 1803. Eleven dollars 50 Cts
rb. 6 - Sent up - Benjamin French - Horse keeping in April Eight Dollars
Humphry Clark on Account of Bill of Office
rendered Amount —

The Sexton was directed to enquire into the propriety of pay-
ing the Amounts of the Constables for notifying the Board to
meet to choose Members of the Board of Health - when
on the same Day they were also notified to choose
assistant Assessors by which they probably had been
paid in full by the Selectmen —

The Weekly Committee were empowered to
lay Quarantine Orders from the Custom-
House whenever they thought it necessary —

Adjourned

1804
Augt 22

Att a meeting of the Board of Health This Day
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess. Holland Dodd Meriam Robinson
Hitchborn Larkin Danforth &
Secretary

A Conversation took place respecting the Opposition made by the Inhabitants of West Boston to the Erection of a Wharfe at the foot of Lenox street for the purpose of carrying off the Night Soil into the Channell Whereupon it was Unanimously Voted That this Board feel conscious of having in all their proceedings been actuated by the purest motives and intentions of promoting the best Interests of their fellow Citizens That with this view a Committee had been requested to look out the most convenient Spot for the above purpose and after due pains mommended the one ~~purpose~~ Decided on That the Board still think it the best place under all circumstances the Town affords and that whenever a better one can be pointed out and the Interests of the Town requris it it will no Doubt receive the prompt attention of the Board

Voted That Eight hundred Dollars be granted the Secretary on Account of the Contract made by him in behalf of this Board with Stephen Hall for the Materials & Labour in erecting the Wharfe above mentioned he to pay the same on that Account as the Bills are exhibited

Voted That the Board visit the Island on Friday August the thirty first and that the Secretary provide and notify the Members accordingly

Adjourned

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31 Att a meeting of the Board of Health This Day at Rainsfords Island
Present Isaiah Doane Esq President
Mess. Meriam Rich Larkin Hitchborne
Dodd and Secretary

The subject matter of a Conversation between a Committee of the Inhabitants of Ward No 7 and the Weekly Committee of this Board

inputing the Wharfe entring in that it and the intentions & makeing that the place of Deposit of the Night Dirt was reported to the Board ——

Voted That the Secretary be Dirrected to inform the Inhabitants of Ward No. 7 — that they shall endeavor to find other places for Depositing their Night Dirt in various Parts of the Town and shall use this Wharfe only for such Parts of the Town as is contiguous to it — unless when no other place can be found — That the Cartmen to the persons employed shall be such as to prevent all possible Nuisance to the Inhabitants & that — when this cannot be effected the business shall cease —

Voted That the Secretary procure a Nurse & such suitable aid as he may find necessary for the Relief of Mrs Wendall — lately burnt and represented as dangerous to the Neighbourhood.

Adjourned

Oct. 19 — At a meeting of the Board of Health — This day — Present Josiah Deane Esq. President

Messrs. Larkin — Danforth — Hitchborne — Robinson. Holland Rich — Howard —

and Secretary ——

Voted That the Committee of Conference arrange with the Selectmen inputing the notifying the Wards for Choice of Board of Health and Assistant Assessors at same time —

Voted That D Welch be particular in his Examination of Vessells from Malaga ——

Voted that the Horse belonging to the Board be Sold —

Granted — To Wm Phillips a Quarters Salary Ninety two & a half dollars —— To Gilbert & Dean — for printing Twenty-one & half Dollars — To several Constables for Notifying the Wards to meet — Viz To Copeland — Seven dollars — Welsh — Four dollars — Lewis Five Dollars — Stevenson Five Dollars —

$1435 — To Josiah Bachelder — in full for Ballance of Contract for Scavengers duty $700 — To Robert Gardner — ~~Viz~~ For the purpose of Paying for the Wharfe Viz — S. Halls order in favour of D Danforth — for Two hundred Dollars — and Ballance Four hundred Dollars ——

Adjourned —

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Nov. 1 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day - Present -

Capt. John Holland - in the Chair

Mess. Larkin - Meriams - Hitchborne - Dodd & Secretary

Voted That Quarantine restrictions be so far taken off as that Healthy Vessells on being examined at the Island by Mr Spear - may receive his certificate thereof and come direct to Town where they be examined by Dr Welsh and receive Certificate for the Office as usual - Vessells from Malaga excepted - which are to remain at the Island for particular examination & discharge from the Doctor - And that on the tenth instant the - whole Quarantine be dispensed with - Sick Vessells & Vessells from Malaga excepted -

An Application from Mr Bachelder for some allowance in consideration of loss to him from the Seizure of his contract - Was committed to Mess Holland & Larkin -

Adjourned.

Decr 13 At a meeting of the Board of Health - This Day - Present - Capt John Holland - Hus. P.T. -

Mess. Dodd - Robinson - Larkin - Rich & Self

Committee on Mr Bachelders application - Reported an Allowance in his favour of One hundred ten dollars the consideration whereof & all other matters were referred and the Committee of Accounts instructed to settle the Quarantine concerns with the Sundays - and to draw forward such other Accounts as were proper to pass upon at this season.

Adjourned -

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December 21

At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day
- Present - Capt John Holland Pres. P.T. -
Mess. Dodd - Meriam Robinson - Wild - Larkin - Rich
& Secy

David Deaves Amount for supplys on Visits to Island -
143:69 Amounting to One Hundred forty three dollars sixty nine cents -
William Phillips - Messenger One Quarters Salary -
92:50 Ninety two dollars fifty cents -
Thomas Spear - Ballance of his Salary as Island Keeper & for
331 — Board of Boatmen - three hundred thirty one dollars —
Dr Welsh. — Visiting Physician - Ballance of his years Salary -
192:65 One hundred ninety two dollars sixty five cents. —
Thomas Bartlett - for Drugs used in cleansing Vessells -
36:41 Thirty six dollars and forty one cents. —
$796.25

were examined by the Committee and passed and draft thereon ordered —

The Secretary was also directed to pay the Amount of Wm E. Larkin of six dollars twelve cents for Stationary & of Mrs Dunlaps two dollars sixty six cents Porter for Office —

The Board also voted a draft in favour of Mr Spear for Two hundred Dollars to be repaid by him from his Amount against the State for maintainance of States Poor at the Island. —

$200 - Loan

The Secretary was empowered to settle Halls Contract Amount and Extra Bills. —

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Adjourned.

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At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day at the Presidents House —

Present Isaiah Doane Esq. President
Mess. Holland - Dodd - Rich - Larkin - Wild - Danforth
Howard - Meriam - Robinson - Hitchborne
and Secretary.

Voted That Capt Holland and Secretary be a Committee to settle the Commonwealths Amount —

Voted Two hundred and ten dollars to Secretary - to enable him to pay a Sum on Amount of the Wharfs & One hundred and ten dollars to Wm Bainbridge - agreeably to Report of Committee. —

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at this Meeting Mr Doane (who was bound to Carolina for Recovery of his Health - took an affectionate Leave of the Board —

Voted That the following Letter expressive of the high estimation in which this Board hold Isaiah Doane Esq their President - be delivered him signed by the Members to be communicated to the Boards of Health & other Institutions of a similar nature in the different Cities he may Visit during his tour —

Health Office - Boston 4 Feb 1805

"Isaiah Doane Esq. the President of this Board - being about to Visit your City for the Recovery of his Health - We the President Pro Tempore - and Members of the said Institution avail ourselves of this Opportunity to recommend him to your Civilities and attention as a Gentleman of very high estimation here and whose native goodness & Benevolence needs but to be known to be respected wherever - We feel impelled to this measure from a two fold consideration. First - Because we can leave unessayed no measure tending to Promote the Happiness of a man who so much delights in administering to the Happiness of others —

Secondly - Because it may conduce to the Benefit of our respective Cities to establish Arrangements by which in future their situations as respects contageous Sickness may be speedily known and that we be not compelled to trust to vague Report and thereby be induced to pursue measures injurious to our Citizens and often unnecessary — Or on the part we are bound by his engagements ~~in the~~ Whole feel happy in any Opportunity which may occur to return the Civilities shown our Friend —

Voted - That there be allowed and paid to the Secretary Two hundred & fifty dollars in addition to the salary voted him the thirteenth Day of April last in Consideration of his Services and the advanced price of the necessaries of life —

Adj to the last Monday Present Bo.

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March 13 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day
Present — Mr Jon.a Wild. Pres.t P. T. —
Mess.rs Holland, Dodd. Larkin. Meriam. Hitchborne
& Secretary —

Voted. That the Secretary cause the usual notifications to be issued to the Inhabitants to choose Members of the Board of Health for the year ensuing —

Voted. That the Secretary cause the Horses burnt at the Fire at Whitheads. to be removed at his discretion —

Voted That Mess.rs Holland. Danforth and Gardner be Committee to consider what repairs shall be done to the Carts and also were the best Carts can be safely and best deposited. —

The following amounts were passed.

William Phillips for his Salary as Messenger. ending the First Day of April coming. Ninety two & half dollars —

Sent up. 137. 50 Benjamin Russell. For Printing Twenty five Dollars —
Adams & Rhoades — For Printing Twenty dollars —

Adjourned —

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20 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day —
Present Mr Wm Dodd Pres.d P. T. —
Mess.rs Holland. Robinson. Rich.d Meriam. Larkin. Howard
and Secr.y —

The following Accounts were Passed —
John Hanks. for removing Horses from Whitheads. Seventy dollars
Sent up. 85. 47 Mr Wyman. for meeting of the Board at his House in April
last. four days — Eight Dollars. —
Wm Philips. for Sundry small expenses. Seven dollars forty seven Cents.
Adjourned —

March 27 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day — Present
Capt. John Holland. Pres.t P. T. —
Mess.rs Rich. Danforth. Meriam. Dodd & Secretary.
Voted That the Quarantine be taken off from Vessells from Batavia —

Voted that the Acts as stated in the Account Current Book be Published in that form —

Adjourned —

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Returns of Members chosen in the several Wards as members of the Board of Health for the year ensuing - having been received - by which it appeared that the following Gentlemen were chosen - Viz

For Ward No. 1	Capt Edward Staples.	No. 7	Mr John Kuhn
2	Robert Gardner Esq	8	Mr Ebenezer Larkin
3	Mr Thomas Lewis Jr.	9	Benjamin Rupell Esq.
4	Amasa Stetson Esq.	10	Capt John Holland
5	Mr Samuel Hitchborne	11	Mr Samuel Sweet
6	Mr William Bordman.	12	Mr Nathaniel Merriam

they were severally notified to meet this afternoon at the Health Office, at four o'Clock - in order to organize the new Board & proceed to the duties for which they were chosen ——

According to which notice the following Gentlemen attended -

Capt Staples - Mr Gardner - Mr Lewis - Major Stetson - Mr Hitchborne - Mr Kuhn - Mr Bordman - Mr Larkin - Major Rupell - Capt Holland - Mr Sweet & Mr Merriam

Robert Gardner as Oldest Member in the Chair ——

The Votes for President were called for and after repeated trials Mr Ebenezer Larkin was as chosen ——

The Votes for Secretary was then called for & Robert Gardner was as chosen & Sworn as follows ——

I Robert Gardner do solemnly swear that I will keep a faithful Record of the Votes & proceedings of the Board of Health & faithfully perform all the Duties required of me as Secretary thereof during my continuance in that office —— So help me God ——

Robert Gardner ——

Sworn before
Ebenr Larkin President

The Board being thus Organized - The President took the Chair & the following Votes passed —— Viz

That Mess. Holland. Russell & Stetson be the Committee on Accounts for the year ensuing —

That Mess. Sweet. Stetson & Boardman be a Committee to report the Salarys proper to be allowed the Secretary. Visiting Physician and Messenger for the year ensuing and also the Sum wanted for Current Expenses of the Board from the Town for the same time —

That Mess Gardner Russell and Staples be a Committee to Report the Business necessary to be acted upon at the next Meeting —

That when this Board adjourn it be to Wednesday next at four Clock. P. M. —

The Votes for Visiting Physician were called for and by them it appeared that Dr Thomas Welch was Unanimously elected —

The Secretary laid before the Board a Petition against the Election of Capt John Holland for Ward Number Ten alledging that he resided in Ward Number Eleven & therefore was not by Law entitled to his Seat at the Board — Also a Certificate from Josiah Snelling, one of the Assessors Certifying that Capt John Holland paid taxes and lived in Ward No. Eleven for several years past — also Copy from the Town Records of the Boundarys of Ward Number Ten — all of which, with the Subject generally therein referred to were committed to Mess. Russell. Stetson & Pitchborne and the Secretary was directed to notify the Parties to attend the Committee on Monday three Clock. P. M. —

Adjourned

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April 10 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day —

Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq President —

Mess. Hitchborne — Holland — Merriam — Sweet — Hutton
Lewis — Staples — Kuhn — Bordman — Rupsell
and Secretary —

The Committee on Salaries and annual Estimate Reported That the Sum necessary for the present year was Three — Thousand dollars — and that on the Subject of the Salaries they had come to no agreement — after considerable debate that part of the Report which respected the Estimate was — accepted and the Subject of Salaries was again committed to Mess. Rupsell — Hitchborne and Lewis ——

The Committee on Capt Holland's election — Reported as follows

"Boston, April 10. 1805"

"The Committee of the Board of Health, to whom was "Referd the Memorial of Shubael Hewes and others, Inhabitants "of Ward No. 10 alledging, that Edward Jones Esq was elected a "Member of the Board for said Ward; and Declaring, that Capt "John Holland who has been returned by the Clerk of said Ward "as duly Elected a Member of said Board, could not be chosen "he being a Resident of Ward No. 11 — Have attended to the "duty assigned them, heard the Parties — and ask leave to "Report the following State of Facts ——

1st "That it appears from the Testimony of the Clerk of said "Ward, that Edward Jones Esq did not receive the Suffrages "of a majority of the Voters present on the occasion; and was "not, therefor, elected a Member of the Board.

2d "That it also appeared from Evidence, that Capt "John Holland did receive the Suffrages of a Majority of "the Voters present on the occasion and a Return was made "of him by the Clerk of the Ward ——

3. That the Law of the Commonwealth for constituting a "Board of Health in the Town of Boston, Prescribes, that "a person to be eligible to a Seat at said Board, "shall "be a Freeholder and Resident within the Ward of which "he shall be chosen" ——

4th That from the Evidence adduced to your Committee

"from the examination of the Records of the Town, and an accurate Plan of the Town, it appears, That Capt John Holland "was not a Resident of Ward No 10 at the time of the choice - "but was a Resident of Ward No 11 for civil Purposes —

All which Respectfully is Submitted

Benj^a Russell
Sam^l Hitchborne
Amasa Hutton. —

The above Report was Read and Accepted as a Correct Statement of Facts — and after considerable debate it was Voted Mess Russell, Hutton and Hitchborne be a Committee to obtain the best legal Advice, as to what Steps remain necessary for the Board to take in the Premises —

Voted That the Secretary be directed to Contract with the Editors of the Centinel & Chronicle for the News Paper Printing the ensuing year. —

Voted That the Regular Meetings of the Board be on Wednesdays 12 Clock. M —

Voted That Capt Holland for Wards No. 9. 10. 11. & 12. Mr Larkin for Wards No. 5. 6. 7. 8 and Capt Staples for Wards No. 1. 2. 3. 4 be a Committee to look out places of Deposit for Scavengers dirt.

Voted That Capt Holland Mr Larkin and Secretary be a Committee to consider the Subject of Quarantine and report —

Voted That Messrs. Bordman Gardner and Lewis be a Committee to consider the Subject of Night Carts &c report —

Voted That the Secretary Publish in all the Newspapers the following Advertisment -

"Health Office. Boston April 10. 1805

"Any Person willing to Contract to furnish six Horses "and six able Men to perform the duty of Scavengers and to "remove the dirt from the Streets &c for six Months commencing "on the first Day of May ensuing - are Requested to give in to the "Secretary of this Board - their Proposals in writing - to include "all Expenses (Carts & Harness excepted) on or before Wednesday next "12 o'Clock. —

By order of the Board of Health
R Gardner. Sec" —

"N.B. Bonds will be required —

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Voted that the Board be divided into Weekly Committees as follows —

First —
The Members from Wards №. 1. 7. 12 —
Third from Wards „ 3. 10. 8 —

Second —
From Wards №. 2. 11. 6
Fourth from „ „ 4. 9. 5 —

who are to attend in rotation weekly, when necessary in order to direct the current affairs of the Board —

The Committee on Regulations reported the following in Substance, and directed that the Secretary to take the same into a new draft which on receiving the Approbation of the Committee who reported the same and the President, he was directed to Publish according to Law — as the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Health — The following having received the Sanction required as abovementioned was accordingly sent for Publication —

+Board of Health+

+At a Meeting of the Board of Health, April 10. 1805+

+The following Vote, Rules and Regulations were passed and adopted; and are to take effect after three Days from their Publication, agreeably to a Law of the Commonwealth — passed in May 1799 — entitled "An Act to empower the Town of Boston to choose a Board of Health, and for removing and preventing Nuisances". —

As every Inhabitant is interested in the preservation of Health in the Town, The Board cannot doubt their willingness to aid in so certain a mean, under Providence, to effect it, as the promotion of cleanliness: To which object most of the Regulations adopted, are directed. —

Art 1.st

No Person will be allowed to Keep one or more Hogs, within the limits of the Town, unless by Licence for that purpose first obtained of the Board of Health, and entering into Bonds to keep such Hogs clean, and in Situations not to be offensive to the Neighbourhood; and to remove all Filth from and about the Sties, at least, once in each week. — In case of Non compliance with these conditions the Licence will be forfeited, and the Delinquents will be liable to alone for the Nuisance thereby occasioned.

N.B. The Inhabitants will Please to Observe, they may, by the preceding Article, keep Hogs, on certain conditions —

Art. 2d

No Person will be permitted to bring into, Sell, or have in his Possession in the Town, any Oysters, between the 21st day of June and the 5th day of September, in ~~each~~ each year: — and no Person will be permitted to bring into, Sell, or have in Possession any Lobsters from the 24th July to the 10th of September in each year — Great complaints having been made against the Permission Granted to sell Lobsters in State-Street, in warm weather, It is ordered, That after the first day of May in each year, Lobsters shall be exhibited for Sale at the several Bridges, Town Docks, and Ferry Ways and at no other Places. And the Person occupying those stands will be answerable for all Filth thereby occasioned.

Art. 3

Fresh Fish shall not be kept in any Stall, Fish Box, or other House, within the Town, unless such Stall, Fish Box or other House, be over the Water. Provided however. That nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent the Sale of wholesome Fresh Fish, in the Streets, between the first day of November and the first day of May, inclusive, at all hours; and between the second day of May and the 31st of October, inclusive, before 8 o'Clock in the Morning. Provided also, That Fish brought into Town Dale, shall have had the Entrails taken out, and the Blood cleanly washed off: and that the Sellers of such Fish be responsible for any Nuisance made thereby. Provided further, That Salmon and Small Fish be considered as excepted from this Article —

Art. 4th

Salmon, Eels and Small Fish, may be sold in the Market, or elsewhere; Provided every Seller of them Keep a tight Vessell for the Reception of the Offalls and carry the same without the limits of the Town daily; and shall in no other way make any Filth by such Fish or Offalls —

Art. 5

Persons having Stalls in Faneuil Hall Market House, Market Place or Dock Square, shall daily, in the Morning, wash and cleanse their respective Stalls; — and from the first day of July to the first day of October, in each Year, no Heads or Offalls of Dead Animals, or Vegetables of any kind, shall be Suffered to remain over night, in either of the above Places; and between the tenth day of May and the tenth day of October, the Platforms in the Market Place shall be removed —

Art. 6th

Feathers shall not be Landed within the limits of the Town, from any Place whatever, until they have been inspected by a Member of the Board of Health, or person authorized by the Board, and permitt therefor obtained from the Secretary — Nor shall any

Feather Beds or any other Beds, Bedding or cloathing be landed from any Place where contagious disorder does, or has recently prevailed, without a Permitt from the Secretary of this Board. —

Art 7th —

Owners of Livery and other Stables, shall not have more than two Cart Loads of Manure, at one time, issuing from said Stable, from the first Day of May to the first Day of November —

Art. 8th —

Graves for the interment of the Dead shall be at least six feet deep; and the Proprietors of Churches under which dead bodies are or may be deposited, shall cause at least three Bushells of Lime, to be slacked under each of them, twice in each Month, from the first Day of June to the first Day of October. —

Art. 9th —

No Person shall throw any dead Animal or Vegitable substance, or the sweepings of Wells Holy, into the Docks, Mill Pond, bottom of the Common, or Harbour, between the Cannill and the shore; or shall land the same on any wharfe, so as to become offensive —

Art. 10th —

Every Owner of a Vault, or Privy, the contents of which are found to be within two feet of the Surface of the Earth, will be liable to Prosecution without any further notice. — and no vault will be allowed to be emptied between the last Day of May, and the first day of November, without licence from the Board of Health —

Art. 11th —

Waste Water will not be suffered to run upon the Surface of the Streets, from any House, Building or Yard; but the same shall be led through drains into the Common Sewer, at the expence of the Owners of the Buildings —

Art. 12th —

The Proprietors of the Mill-Pond, their Agents, Tenants or any other Person, shall not at any time between the 15th Day of June and the first Day of October, draw off the Water from said Pond, so as to cause the Surface on the Shoalest Part to be bare; without a Licence from the Board of Health. —

Art. 13th —

No Person shall throw or bring into any Street, Lane, or Alley, within the Town, any dirt, Filth, or Sweepings of any Kind, or any Animal or Vegitable Substance; excepting on the Days the Scavagers of the Wards pass through with their Carts; and then only in —

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tight Vessels, and before Nine Clock in the Morning. & 3° This Artikle will be strictly enforced; and that the object of it may not be defeated, the Inhabitants are requested to give Notice to the Board of Health, of any neglect of the Scavengers, therein, or the same day they are delinquent. —

By order of the Board of Health —

Att. RGardner Sect.

Signed Ebn: Larkin — President. —

Voted. That the Collector of this Port be served with a Copy of the foregoing Regulations and that his assistance be requested in enforcing the same. —

Adjourned. —

April 17 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day

Present. Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President —

Messrs. Holland, Meriam, Hitchborne, Russell, Stetson — Sweet — Boardman, Lewis, Staples, Kuhn and Secretary —

Several proposals, viz from Thomas Badger Esq. John W. Tolhomes Esq. and Peter Virginia, for performing the duty of Scavengers were laid before the Board by the Secretary and being read were committed to Messrs. Russell, Gardner & Holland —

The Subject of the Night Carts, together with Complaints from this Town through my Office were committed to Messrs. Boardman, Gardner & Lewis —

The Secretary requested Directions respecting the Bond to be Given for Mr. L. & it was ordered that they be similar to the one taken from Mr Chapotin —

The Committee on Capt. Hollands election Reported that they had stated the Subject to Messrs. ~~Parker~~ Sullivan & Parsons in writing and requested their opinion also in writing but that they had not yet obtained it —

Adjourned — till to Morrow — 4 Clock. P. M —

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April 18 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day by Adjournment

Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President

Mess. Meriam. Hitchborne Holland Stetson Kuhn Staples Russell Bordman Lewis Swett and Secretary

The Committee on Capt Hollands election Reported that they had not obtained the opinions of Mess. Sullivan and Parsons on this subject & prayed to be discharged from further service — Voted That the Committee be discharged —

The subject at large was now taken up by the Board and after some desultory conversation a Motion was made and seconded Viz. That the Memorialists have leave to withdraw their Memorial and that the President state to the Clerk of Ward No. Ten their proceedings and their Opinion that the ultimate decision rests with them — after considerable debate the Question on this motion was taken and lost —

A Motion was then made and seconded To commit the subject and to request the Committee to obtain the Opinion of the Supreme Court by Petition or otherwise at their discretion and that the committee be enjoined to sit immediately — Voted accordingly and Mess Russell Larkin & Stetson were chosen —

Adjourned to 12 Clock To Morrow

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19 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day by adjournment

Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq President

Mess Hitchborne Meriam Kuhn Russell Stetson Staples Lewis Swett Bordman & Secretary

The Committee on Capt Hollands election Reported that agreably to the orders of the Board they had waited on the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and had stated the subject to him, though they were uncertain of the propriety of his

giving an Opinion but that they had requested it of him if it was not improper - The Judge replied that it would be improper in him to give an Opinion - They however went into a conversation with him on the subject & from what they could collect from this conversation - they conceived it to be his opinion that the Board of Health were Judges of the eligibility of its own Members and that if they decided illegally the Person aggrieved had his remedy by application for a Mandamus from the Supreme Court —

Whereupon a Motion was made as follows —

"Whereas in the Act to empower the Town of "Boston to choose a Board of Health - it is provided, in Section "the first - That a person to be qualified for a Member of the Board "of Health shall be a Freeholder and Resident within the Ward of "which he shall be chosen and whereas Capt John Holland and "who has been returned by the Clerk of said Number Ten to Represent that Ward at this Board is a Resident in Ward Number "Eleven Therefore Resolved that he cannot be admitted to "a seat at this Board as a Representative of said Number Ten — "And Whereas it is provided by the Act aforesaid That the said "Board of Health shall be joined by a Member from each "Ward and whereas Ward Number Ten is unrepresented at "this Board - The President thereof is requested to transmit to "the Clerk of said Ward Number Ten Copy of the Proceedings of "the Board in this Business" — Which Motion was put & carried by a Considerable Majority & no Member voted against it ——

The Committee on the Scavengers Business Reported — That they had discarded all the Applications but those of Messrs. Folsom & Badger which were for Nineteen hundred dollars to include all Expence — Whereupon it was Voted That Messrs. Russell - Gardner & Nelson be a Committee with full power to contract with those Gentlemen jointly for a sum not exceeding Nineteen hundred Dollars and to take the proper Bonds ——

A Report prevailing and conceived by this Board on good Grounds, that a Malignant & Contagious Fever prevails at Guadaloupe Voted that all Vessels from the said Island of Guadaloupe be quarantined & Cleansed at Rainsfords Island under the Direction of the Visiting Physician of this Board - and that all Vessels hereafter from Island of Guadaloupe which may have entered at any out Port be subjected to the same Quarantine previous to entering the Inner Harbour of Boston unless such Vessels shall have left Guadaloupe previous to the tenth day of March last - and that this order be published in the Newspapers to take effect immediately and that the Secretary notify the Pilots & all others concerned —

Capt Staples was added to the Committee on Quarantine concerns in the room of Capt Holland —

Adjourned —

Agreably to the above Order the Secretary on the same Day sent the usual notices of the Quarantine to the Visiting Physician — Collector — Officer commanding Fort Independence — the Pilots & the Island Keepers and to the Printers of the Centinel and Democrat —

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24 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day —

Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President

Mess. Russell - Merriam - Hitchborne - Boardman, Nelson Staples - Kuhn — Lewis & Swett and Secretary —

The Board order that the six Scavengers Carts work in Ward Number eight on the first Day of May - and in Ward Number Seven, the second day - in Ward Number nine the third Day and in Ward number Ten, the fourth Day —

That three of the said Carts work in Ward Number One and three in Ward Number Five, the sixth Day of May —

That three of the said Carts work in Ward Number Three and three in Ward Number six the Seventh Day of May —

That three of the said Carts work in Ward Number Four and three in Ward Number Eleven, the eighth Day of May —

That three of the said Carts work in Ward Number Two and three in Ward Number Twelve the ninth day of May — & after that in the Wards singly, as usual — and the Secretary was directed to notify the Members of the Days in which the Carts will work in their respective Wards and the Contractors, of this arrangement —

The Members agreed to attend the Funeral of Josiah Deane Esq.r this afternoon —

Quarantine. The Committee reported on Quarantine Concerns as follows —

Commences — That the Quarantine commence upon the First day of May, on all Vessells from any of the West India Islands, or from any Port or Place between the Tropics, and

from whence — on all Vessells from any Port or Place where any contagious Sickness does or has recently prevailed, and also, on all Vessells on Board of which, during their voyage any Person has died or been sick — and all such Vessells shall be carried and anchored near Rainsfords Island, there to perform said Quarantine, agreably to the Direction of the Visiting Physician. And during this Quarantine, every Person on Board such Vessell, is expected to conform in all respects to the Quarantine Regulations, as well Passengers, as those belonging to the Vessell; and the Master is answerable for the Appearance of every Person who arrives in his Vessel, all of whom must be on Board when the Vessell is discharged, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Health —

Gibraltar — That all Vessels arriving on or after the first day of May from any Port or Place within the Straights of Gibraltar, must be carried and Anchored near Rainsford Island, for examination by the Visiting Physician, who is at liberty to continue such Vessel at Quarantine, or to give her permit immediately, as circumstances may dictate to him to be consistent with the public Safety —

All foreign Vessels to Report — That all Vessels which may arrive in this Port during the Quarantine Season, from any and every Port, shall, previous to entry at the Custom House, make Report of the State of Health of their Crews, Passengers and Cargo; & of such circumstances as concern the public Safety, and obtain a Certificate accordingly — fee of Expence.

Notice to the Pilots — That three Days previous to the Quarantine commencing, notice shall be given to the Pilots for their Government, in which they shall be particularly reminded, that all Deviations from their Duty will be prosecuted —

Notice to Collector

That notice of the Quarantine shall also be communicated to the Collector, by the President of this Board and his Cooperation requested —

Notice to Comm.d Offic.rs Port & dependance

That three days previous to the Quarantine, notice thereof shall be given to the Commanding Officer of Fort Independance, requiring his aid in enforcing the same conformably to the Act of Congress —

Visiting Physician his Power & Duty —

The Board having appointed a visiting Physician He shall visit the Island every day during Quarantine provided any Person is then sick, or then Vessels are at Quarantine. He shall attend all the sick at the Island; prescribe according to his best skill and Judgment, for their Relief, and find all Medicines; and he shall be allowed to charge each sick Person for such attendance and Medicine, Five dollars; which he is to collect of them, if they are able to pay it, if not, on producing the regular Certificate provided for by Law, for Paupers, it shall be assumed by this Board. Particular Cases, to be judged of by the Weekly Committee, may justify an increase of the charge for attendance — He shall Inspect every Vessell arriving at Quarantine, direct in what manner they shall be cleansed and what articles shall be landed — Washed buried or destroyed. He shall order the Sick to be landed, if necessary — and he shall deliver to each Master of Vessell a Copy of the following Letter:

Letter to be directed to the Capt.n Crew, Passengers &c. of each Vessell at Quarantine ——

"Whereas by a Law of this Commonwealth, entitled "An Act to empower the Town of Boston, to choose a Board of Health, and for removing and preventing Nuisances" passed the 20th June 1799, The Board of Health for the Town of Boston, are empowered, whenever and as often, as they deem it necessary for the safety of the Town, to cause Vessells arriving within the Harbour of Boston, to perform Quarantine, under such direction Regulations & Qualifications, as they may Judge expedient. The visiting Physician of the Board having made known to them that in his opinion, you, your Vessel and contents, ought to perform Quarantine, and be purified, before you proceed to the Town — You and each of you, are therefore hereby required, in the Name of the Commonwealth, immediately to proceed, or remain with your Vessell at Anchor, near Rainsford Island — within the Outer Harbour of Boston, and there perform Quarantine

and be purified, together with your Cargo, Cloaths, Bed, Beding, and every other matter and thing on Board your Vessell, under and agreeably to the Directions of the Visiting Physician of this Board —

Every day while performing Quarantine you are to Hoist the Red Flag (which will be delivered you for that purpose by the Visiting Physician) at the Head of the Main mast of your Vessell — from Sun Rise to Sun Set —

You are not to go out of your Vessell, nor suffer any Letter Packet, Paper or other thing of any nature or kind whatever to be taken out, except to be Landed on said Island for Purification and even then, not without Permission from the Visiting Physician or Keeper of the Island —

You are not to suffer any Person to come on Board your Vessell on any Pretence whatever (except those employed by or under this Board) and in case any Person should come on Board, you are to detain them till they have Permission to go on shore, by the Visiting Physician —

Should the Visiting Physician permit you, or any of you, to go on shore at Rainsfords Island, you are not, on any pretence whatever, to go without the limits of the Land designated on said Island by the Board, or those that may be made by said Physician —

You are to continue at Anchor near Rainsford Island untill you obtain a Certificate from the Visiting Physician that you, your Vessell and Contents, may come up to Town with safety to the Inhabitants; which certificate you are to leave at the Health Office, and receive a counter one directed to the Collector of the Port of Boston & Charlestown —

In Case you wish at any time the Keeper of the Island to come on Board, you will hoist your Ensign or Jack in the Shrouds —

You are herewith furnished with the Law or Quarantine in order that you may not plead Ignorance of your Duty, and while the Board of Health on the one hand feel an assurance of your punctual compliance therewith, they think it incumbent on them to observe, that they will cause the same to be carried into Effect with the most rigid exactness, and Prosecute all those who may transgress in any manner whatever." —

End of the letter.

Visiting Physician Duty

The Visiting Physician may establish such Rules & Regulations as may to him appear necessary for preserving Order at the Island & effecting the Designs of

Quarantine; all such Regulations, however, being subject to the controul of the Board of Health. He shall also examine any Person sick in Town and Report his Opinion, whenever requested by any Member of the Board; for this last mentioned duty, he shall not be entitled to any fee. — He shall direct the Pilots where to Anchor and they shall obey his directions; He shall discharge all Vessels from Quarantine, having duly performed the same according to his directions & conformed to the Island Regulations, of which he must give a Certificate to enable them to enter at the Custom House. — In fine the Quarantine, when in operation, is under the controul of the Visiting Physician. He being in all Respects under the controul of the Board of Health. —

Duty of Island Keeper —

The Island Keeper shall in person attend to the smoaking and Cleansing all Vessels, Clothing, Bedding &c at Quarantine, agreably to the mode prescribed by the Visiting Physician He shall Board and attend the sick, find nurses; and in the absence of the Visiting Physician, he is charged with the police of the Island, agreably to the established Rules and Laws thereof — He shall be allowed Five dollars p Week for the Boarding & nursing all sick at the Island, to be collected as the Visiting Physicians fees are, or on like conditions assumed by the Board — He shall assist the Visiting Physician in distributing the Island so as to keep seperate and distinct the Sickly, Convalescent & Healthy — He shall Board the Boatmen, for which he shall have three dollars p Week each; He shall conform to the Directions of this Board in all matters respecting Quarantine concerns; and he shall be allowed a Salary of Three hundred and fifty Dollars p Annum. —

Boatmen —

Two Persons shall be employed to go in the Island Boat, during Quarantine — they shall Daily bring Reports of arrivals at the Island & of all events which occur there — they shall carry Down Supplies to Vessels at Quarantine — when Delivered on Board the Boat — They shall be under the entire controul of the Board of Health; when at the Island, assistants to the Island Keeper — They shall have their Board and twenty dollars p Month for their Services —

Secretarys duty—

The Secretary shall on Receipt of the Visiting Physicians Certificate, give a Counter one, to entitle each Vessel to an entry at the Custom House; for which he shall receive Ten Dollars for each Certificate, to be accounted for by him— He shall make the necessary enquiries of all Vessels reporting and give his certificate accordingly— He shall settle & adjust all Quarantine Accounts— furnish the necessaries for smoaking and cleansing Vessells &c and receive & Communicate the daily Island occurrences —

General Regulations—

No Vessels Quarantine commences, untill she is at Anchor, at the proper Station or quarantine ground —

The time of Quarantine is so as to make up twenty five days from leaving an infected Port, or having had any infection on Board— but if the Passage from an infected Port should of itself have been twenty five days then the Quarantine is to continue, seventy two hours longer. which time is to be employed in smoaking and cleansing, under the Direction of the Visiting Physician or in his absence, the Island Keeper —

" Vessels from any Port whatever, with any Person sick on Board, is at all Seasons liable to Quarantine —

" Vessels which may have arrived from infected Ports at any out Port, and there made entry, and which may thereafter come to this Port, not having been at least twenty five days from such infected Ports, not having been duly cleansed, or having had sickness on Board, all of which particulars must be certified by some Board of Health or Selectmen; will be sent to perform Quarantine as if direct from such infected Port. —

" Notice shall be given each Master of a Vessell arriving at Quarantine, that he cannot be discharged without producing or satisfactorily accounting for every person arriving in his vessell at the Island + and the + Visiting Physician is not to permit any Person to Land from any Vessell contrary to the advice or consent of the Captain —

" Which Report was Accepted and the Secretary

was directed to Issue the necessary Notifications and to cause the usual Publications thereof to be made, in all the News Papers —

The Board Adjourn'd till Wednesday next - half Past Ten o'Clock A.M. —

Agreably to the foregoing Report - The President notified the Collector and agreably to order - The Secretary notified the Pilots - Island Keeper - Commanding Officer of Fort Independance and the Visiting Physician of this Board & caused also the usual Publications to be made in the Papers. —

May 1 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day Present - Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President —
Messrs. Meriam, Swett, Staples, Boardman - Stetson. Kuhn
Rufell & Secretary —
Granted on Account, and in Advance - Viz
$200 To Thomas Spear. Island Keeper, Two hundred Dollars —
600 To Folsom and Badger - Superintendants - Six hundred Dollars —

Voted That the Board visit the Island to Morrow Week and that Mr Larkin be committee to provide necessaries —

Voted - That the President be also Treasurer —

Mr. Meriam was added to the Committee on Salaries, in the room of Mr Lewis absent —

The Subject of Ice and Number Ten, being unrepresented was committed to Mr Rufell to consider & report —

Adjourn'd till to Morrow week 8° Clock A.M. —

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15 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day Present - Ebn Larkin Esq. Pres.t
Messrs. Hitchborne - Boardman - Kuhn & Secretary —
— It being represented that the Deposit of Soil by the Scavengers in Broad Street, was a Nuisance - owing to its remaining removed with Gravel & that it in very warm weather it would be Dangerous

to Heath – Mess. Larkin, Russell and Bordman were appointed a Committee with full power to regulate this buseness ——

– Adjourned till Monday next 12 o'Clock ——

Adjourned

April
20 At a Meeting of the Board of Heath – This Day –
Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq President –
Mess Hitchborne, Staples, Swett, Meriam, Russell –
Lewis – Bordman Secretary –

The Committee on the Subject of the Dirt deposited by the Scavengers in Broad Street. Reported That they had attended the duty assigned them and had directed Mr Loring the Agent of the Propriety, to cover the same with dry earth, which he had promised to do – They reported also that complaints were made of the Night dirt being deposited there and that they had, in behalf of the Board, offered a Reward of Five dollars for information on this subject, so that conviction should ensue – Mr Lewis was added to this committee, in the room of Mr Larkin excused and the powers of the committee were continued.

Mess. Larkin, Russell & Gardner were appointed a Committee to consider whether any amendments could be made to the Law, constituting the Board of Health and providing for cases similar to that now existing respecting Ward No. 10 – and to report ——

Agreably to the Report of their committee, The – Board Voted the Salary of the Secretary to be Six hundred dollars. The Messenger Four hundred dollars & the Visiting Physician One thousand dollars and fees as usual to the latter, for the year ensuing. ——

Complaints of the negligence and disobedience of the Scavengers were made by several Members of the Board – Whereupon it was Voted That the Secretary be directed to notify the Contractors thereof and to state to them the expectations of the Board, that their Bond in all its parts be fulfilled or that the forfeiture will be immediately exacted –

Adj. till Monday 11 Clock –

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May 28 At a Meeting of the Board of Health
this Day Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President —
Messrs. Merriam — Staples — Swett — Kuhn — Boardman
& Secretary —
— No Business matter of Record transacted —
Adj. Wednesday week 12 o'clock —

June 5 This Day a Meeting of the Board was called
but only five Members attending — Viz
Eben Larkin Esq President
Mess. Boardman, Swett, Merriam & Secretary
no business matter of Record was transacted —
Adjourned to Wednesday —

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12 There being no business requiring the attendance of
the Board — by consent of the President & Committee
the Meeting was postponed one week. —

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19 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day
— Present Eben Larkin Esq President —
Mess Hitchborne, Russell, Stetson, Merriam, Swett
Lewis — Kuhn
— and Secretary —

The Board having viewed the premises
of Joseph Harris — Liberty square and find the same
inhabited by several dirty Families & without
any Vault or privy — Declare the same a Nuisance
and Mess Swett and Stetson were appointed a —
Committee to confer with the Town Advocate, on the
means of breaking the same up or removing it —

A Letter from the Board of Health of the City of
Philadelphia was Read and the Secretary was directed to
Answer the same in a respectfull manner — in behalf
of this Board —

The Secretary was ordered to Remitt a fine im-
posed on Jotham Barnes —

The Secretary was directed to purchase, for the use of the Ward the following Articles — Viz — Two long Tables & Covers — Ten Dozen Shallow & Soup Plates — Six Tureens — Five dozen Spoons. Seven & half dozen Knives and forks — one dozen Salts — Five dozen Tumblers Eight Dishes — 6 Pitchers & a large Copper Boiler and to give the same into the care of the Visiting Physician ——

The Committee appointed to consider what amendments were necessary to the Law constituting the Board of Health — Reported that some small alterations had been suggested to a Committee of the General Court appointed in pursuance of a Motion made by Benjamin Rupell Esq. a Member of said Court — but that the avocations of the Legislature and some difficulties on their minds as to the said amendments being Ex-post Facto as related to the case of Ward No 10 — had prevented its being acted decidedly on the present Session.

Messrs. Gardner Lewis and Kuhn were appointed a Committee to consider the expediency of adding to the number of Scavengers Carts or whether some Cart may not be spared from other Wards occasionally, in order to assist in Ward No 7 — being a very large Ward — and also to enquire into the conduct of the Scavengers under their contract ——

Voted Unanimously that the President issue his Warrant to the Constable directing them to warn the Inhabitants of Ward No 10 to meet for the purpose of choosing a Member for the Board of Health for said Ward & also to notify the Clerk of said Ward to preside ——

Adjourned ——

June 26

At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This day

Present — Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President

Messrs. Miriam. Boardman. Kuhn — Swett — Lewis Stetson — Rupell — & Secretary ——

Voted That a Letter be given to Major Rupell who is about to visit New York — from this Board to the Board

of Health of New York - expressive of our Respect for them & wishes to correspond on the objects of our institution -

The Committee on the Subject of Augmenting the Number of Scavengers Carts Reported in favour of two additional ones with Horses & Drivers - which Report was agreed to next Meeting and Mr Kuhn was authorized to employ such Special Labourers in his ward as in his judgment should be necessary to keep the ward clean.

Messrs Meriam, Bordman & Kuhn were appointed a Committee to determine on the expediency of extending the Wharf at West Boston to its original length - & they were invested with full authority to cause the same to be done ——

Adj. 'till Tuesday —

July 2 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day - Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq.

Messrs. Stetson, Staples, Swett, Hitchborne, Kuhn Bordman, Meriam

E. Secretary

A Return from ward No 2 was laid on the Table by the Secretary and was after read - by which it appeared that Capt John Holland was chosen to serve at the Board, the remainder of the year - Capt Holland, having since the proceedings of the Board on the 19th April last, removed into ward No. 2. Sec, there was no objection to the return and Capt Holland took his seat accordingly — There was however accompanying the said Return a Protest against the proceedings of the Board in refusing Capt Holland his seat in April last - on which considerable conversation was had and on Motion put, that the said Protest be Recorded it passed in the negative and the subject was committed for consideration to Messrs. Larkin, Gardner & Meriam - who are to report —

Committee of the Week were enjoined to view the Cellars round the Market & elsewhere where Vegetables & other offensive substances were deposited & to regulate the same as they thought proper and so [illegible] & report to the Board —

Secretary was directed to cause the Streets to be swept and cleansed, through which the Processions pass on the 4th. Day of July —

Vessells from the Cape D Verds were ordered to be put on the same footing as those from the Mediteranean — as-regards the Quarantine — except such as may have Hides on Board —

Secretary was directed to notify the Outer Pilots that if they Boarded any Vessell while at Quarantine they would be prosecuted —

Granted

To William Phillips, one Quarters Salary — being One hundred dollars —

To Humphry Clark. for One Quarters Rent — Fifty Dollars —

To Amasa Murdock — for repairing Cart — Twenty dollars & two Cents —

Adj. to Wednesday Week. —

July. 10 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day. Present

Nathaniel Meriam Pus. P.S

Mess. Stutson, Swett, Bordman. Staples. Hitchborne and Secretary

Mess. Holland. Meriam and Stutson, were appointed a Committee to consider the expediency of filling up the Town Dock —

Mess. Hitchborne, Gardner and Staples were appointed a Committee to consider of the Complaints & Suggestions made against the Scavengers and of the subject of that Department at Large & report —

Secretary was Directed to summons Cole. the Pilot & his man Wilson. to appear before the Board on Saturday at Noon to answer to a complaint of [illegible] him for bringing up Ship America contrary to the Quarantine Law —

Adj. to Saturday 12 o'clock.

1805
July 13

At a (Special) Meeting of the Board of Health this day — Present

Samuel Fitch Horne Esq. Pres. P. T.

Mess. Merriam — Swett. Holland — Staples — Stutson — Boardman — & Secretary —

D. Welsh made a Report in Writing to the Board stating that the Sickness prevailing in the Family of Mr Blackman — Whites Point — was only a "Mild Slow Fever" — Thereon, the business of further enquiry subsided —

Blanks of enquiry similar to those made of Capells from Europe, were ordered to be furnished the Pilots by the Secretary — to be filled up & signed by the Captains & filled by the Pilot, so that they may be resorted to if necessary — .

Committee on Town dock was directed to enquire into the expediency of Removing the Oyster Boats.

Col. the Pilot attended the Summons of the Board but Wilson was absent in the Bay & for that Reason the enquiry respecting the bringing up the "Ship America" was adjourned —

Adj. to Wednesday

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17 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day Present Ben Larkin Esq. President —

Mess. Holland — Swett — Merriam — Boardman — Russell — Stutson — Lewis & Secretary —

Committee on the Subject of the Town Dock Reported that they could not agree & Referred the Subject to the Board — Thereon Voted That the Dock be cleared under the Direction of a Committee Viz Mess. Holland — Stutson & Merriam —

The Secretary was directed to Summons the Contractors for cleaning the Streets to attend a Special Meeting of the Board on Saturday at twelve O'clock to answer to sundry complaints against them & that the Secretary & Mess. Miriam & Boardman be committee to collect and exhibit the several matters complained of ——

Committee on the subject of the Cellars and buildings usually occupied for Storing Vegitables Reported that upon examination & enquiry they were of opinion those places were dangerous & requires the watchfulness of the Board — Whereupon it was Voted that the Secretary notify persons improving such places for the above purposes that the Board will consider the same Nuisances when the Vegitables are in a punishable State & that the persons Admitting such Articles into their premises will be punishable for so doing —

Voted that the Board will visit the Islands to morrow week & that the Secretary be committee to provide & that invitations be given as usual — with addition of the Chaplains of Senate & House —

Adj. to Saturday ——

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20 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day Present Eben Larkin Esq — President —
Mess. Hitchborne, Holland — Staples — Boardman
Swett — Lewis — Miriam & Secretary. —

The Subject of Wilson the Pilot referd to Committee of the week, provided he appears within eight Days — to report ——

The Subject of the Complaints against the Scavengers was also referd to the Wards committee —

Committee on amendment of Quarantine — so far as relates to Death & Sickness on outward passages — was appointed. Viz. Mess. Holland & Gardner ——

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Voted That the Sextons and others employed in the Interment of the Dead - be required to make return of all persons buried by them - in each week every week on Friday & that the same be published weekly on Saturday under the authority of this Board —

Adjourned to Tuesday —

July 25 At a Meeting of the Board of Health - This Day at Rainsfords Island — Present —

Ebenezer Larkin Esq. Presid.

Mess. Kilchborne — Lewis —
Merriam — Swett —
Russell — Bordman
Holland — Kuhn —
Stutson — Staples

— Secretary —

Doctor Welsh reported that the Schooner Favorite. Capt Snow - from Charlestown, S. C. had put into Quarantine, having on Board a sick man & Hides from St Thomas — Voted thereon that the Schooner be quarantined seventy two hours - the sick man landed & the Hides prohibited from being landed in Boston —

Voted That the Physicians be requested to assist the Board in their intentions of Publishing weekly the Deaths - by making weekly returns of Deaths within their knowledge & the Diseases occasioning them —

Adjourned —

1805
July 28

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day (Sunday) — Present.

Samuel Fitch Bourne Esq. P. P. T.

Mrs. Holland, Russell, Mercam, Staples, Lewis, Kuhn Boardman — and

Secretary —

Reports having been in circulation of the Existance of Contagious Sickness in New Haven & Providence — a Committee viz. Mrs Russell & Holland were appointed a Committee to wait on Capt Thompson, of Portsmouth, now in Town, from Providence — who gave the following Account — That he had left Boston on Friday & arrived at Patuxent early in the Evening — he there heard alarming Accounts of the prevalence of the Fever in Providence that there was eighteen cases — but that thinking it probable those accounts were exaggerated — he went on notwithstanding advice to the Contrary — and arrived in Providence that Evening — that he put up at Commissioners and there learnt, that Doctor Bowen (who attended a sick Child in the adjoining House) had informed, there had been eighteen ~~cases~~ cases — (Men, Women & Children) — that it was confined, at present to two Shuts — at the lower End of the Town, in an unhealthy part of the Town that one Girl had died — That the Physicians had met that Morning (Friday) and had determined it Yellow Fever — that the residue of the Sick had been sent to the Hospital — That the Board of Health had ordered the two Shuts, were it appeared, to be evacuated — that he had met several Familys moving out of Town on Saturday Morning — that all Accounts agreed in the number of Cases and that it was supposed to have originated from a Vessell from the West Indies which some Labourers were employed to turn from the Bridge Water; all of whom took the Disorder — That the alarm was not great at the other end (North) of the Town — that the Theatre was open, tho' but thinly

attended, and that hopes were entertained of stopping its progress — Capt. Thompson added, That he expected to be interrogated by the Board of Health on his return to Boston and therefore took pains to procure the correct information on the subject —

Mr Starkweather gave an Account similar to the foregoing, as reported by Mr Lee is —

Whereupon the following Resolution passed the Board & were ordered to be published — viz —

"Health Office, Boston (Sunday) July 28. 1805

"This Board having received information of the Prevalence of contagious Fevers in the City of New Haven in the State of Connecticut and in the Town of Providence in the State of Rhode Island — Order that all Vessells from either of those places perform Quarantine at Rainsford Island under the Direction of the Visiting Physician of this Board" —

It is also ordered, That no Wood or Baggage of any kind, capable of retaining infection, be brought into this Town by Land from the said City of New Haven or Town of Providence until the same shall have been purified to the satisfaction of this Board — and for this purpose Houses of Purification will be established at the several avenues of the Town, and persons appointed to attend the same; which Persons will be fully authorized to make the proper enquiries of Persons entering the Town from New Haven or Providence and such Persons are hereby required to make true answers to all such interrogations as may be put to them by the persons so authorized

It is also ordered, That each and every Person who may arrive in this Town from either of the Places aforesaid — Report themselves at the Office of this Board, or to some Member thereof, within two hours after their arrivals; and all Persons not being in Health, will be considered as infected with contagious disease & sent to Hospital Island ——

The Keepers of Boarding Houses & Taverns and all other Citizens who may admit into their Houses, as Lodgers or Boarders, any Person from either of the said infected Places, are hereby required to give notice thereof, at the Office of the Board, or to some member thereof, within three days after such admission ——

It is further Ordered, That the Drivers of Stages report to the Office of this Board, or to some Member thereof, the Names of all Passengers in their Stages from the said Town of Providence or City of New Haven, within one hour after their arrival in Town; and the said Stage drivers, and Owners thereof, are forbidden to admitt into their Stages, to be brought to this Town, any Person who shall appear to be affected with sickness of any Kind without permission from this Board ——

The rigour of the Law will be enforced for every neglect or violation of the preceding regulations ——

The Board of Health deeply regret the necessity which compells them rigourously to enforce the forgoing Orders but they cannot omitt any Part thereof, or of such other measures of Precaution as may occur to them, without feeling an Omission of duty, which they never intentionally mean to be chargable with. — It will afford them great pleasure to embrace an early opportunity — consistent with the Public safety — to remove these restrictions & to restore an unembarrassed intercourse with their Friends" —— Signed by the President — and Attested by the Secretary ——

Adj. till 4 o'Clock Pr. To Morrow

— The Pilots were notified — and also the Visiting Physician and Commanding Officer of Fort Independance. ——

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29 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day

Present — Eben Larkin Esq. President

Mess. Merriam — Swett. Stutson — Hitchborne — Kuhn
Russell — Lewis. Boardman — Rollard
& Secr.

Mr Appleby from Providence informs that he left Providence at six o'Clock this Morning, that there were no new cases, that the part of the Town where the Fever began had been evacuated & Vessells from that quarter removed — The weekly Committee were enjoined to make further enquiry and report to morrow ——

Voted That Mr Kuhn be Committee to have the Wharfe Ways at West Boston, cleansed, at the expence of the Board —

Adj. till To Morrow 4 o'Clock Pr.

1805

July 30— At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day — Present

— Ebenezer Larkin Esq. Presidt. —

Mess. Meriam — Holland —
Hitchborne — Russell —
Staples — Boardman —
Kuhn — Swett —

and

— Secretary —

Survey Reports collected by the committee were — Read. by which it appeared, the Fever in Providence and New Haven had not increased — Whereupon it was Voted. That the Regulations of this Board Relative to purification of Baggage &c. be suspended. —

Voted. That the Secretary be committee to procure Kasps for covers of Scavengers Carts —

Voted That Peter Virginia be informed that it is the Determination of this Board. that he shall pay for the Night Cart, lost by his neglect —

Voted That draft be given Folsom & Badger for amount of Scavengers contract for Five hundred dollars — 500 —

Adj. till Tomorrow evk.

August 8th. At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This Day.

Present — Eben Larkin Esq. Presidt. —

Mess. Holland — Staples —
Hitchborne — Kuhn —
Stetson — Boardman —

& Secretary —

Ordered that notification issue to Mr Gooch respecting Washing the Stalls in the Market —

Mess. Kuhn & Boardman were appointed a Committee to examine into a Nuisance at West Boston Bridge occasioned by the common Sewer emptying there —

Adjourned —

1805
August 14. At a Meeting of the Board of Health, this Day
Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President

Messrs. Russell, Swett
Meriam, Kuhn
Hitchborne, Boardman
& Secretary.

The Remonstrance of Sundry occupiers of Stores on Long Wharfe, against the Filth which is carried & remains near the upper side of the T. by the Tide. to their grievance, as they alledge - was committed to the Committee of the week.

The Committee of the Week were also authorized to take of the Restrictions on the intercourse between this Town and the City of New Haven & Town of Providence, whenever such information communicated to this Board will in their opinion justify it.

Adjourned.

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21 At a meeting of the Board of Health this day - Present
Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President
Messrs. Holland, Hitchborne, Kuhn, Meriam &
Secretary

Voted That the Ship Juno be detained at Quarantine till further Orders & that in the mean time Water be admitted into her hold the Bedding and Clothing all Landed, Washed & Cleansed.

Adjourned.

1805
Sep 4

At a Meeting of the Board of Health, This Day
Present — Ebenezer Larkin Esq. President —
Messrs. Russell, Messrs. Kuhn
Swett, Stetson
Bordman
& Secretary —

Sent up $300 — Grant was made to Messrs. Badger and Folsom on Acct. of Scavengers Department of Three hundred Dollars —

Voted That Wm Hubbard and the other persons from Demerara via New Bedford sent to the Island this day, perform the usual Quarantine —

Adjourned

6 At a Meeting was this day held (Specially) on Account of Report of Fever in Philadelphia — but no decision was had & the Board adjourned till to Morrow One Clock.

7 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day
Present — Eben Larkin Esq President —
Messrs Holland, Messrs. Merriam
Stetson, Russell
Swett. — and Secretary —

The Mail bringing no Account from New York of any measures adopted by them in consequence of the Fever in Philadelphia and no Direct accounts from the Latter place, having been received by this Board — the Subject was again upon till Monday —

The Schooners Abigail & Mercator — were Ordered to be continued at quarantine till further Orders & that in the mean time — the Bedding & Clothing be landed & Sun aired or destroyed. That Wind sails be applied to the Hatches Scuttles, & by admitted into the holds —

Adjourned —

1805
Sep 9th

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day

Present Ebn Larkin Esq President

Mrs Holland — Mrs Russell
Stutson — Staples
Meriam — Kuhn —
& Secretary —

Information having been received at this Office of the Prevalence of Malegnant Fevers in the City of New York and in the City of Philadelphia — Voted That Quarantine be laid on all Vessells from either of those Cities, under the direction of the Visiting Physician of this Board — Voted That the Keepers of Taverns and Boarding Houses be directed to give notice to this Board, or some member thereof, of all Persons admitted into their Houses from Philadelphia — or New York within two hours after such admission — Voted That the Secretary cause the above to be published for the information of all concerned & that he also issue the customary Notifications —

The Secretary reported that a Negro Lane, laid very sick on Lanes Wharf & that the Dock and premises were very offensive — Voted That he be directed to spread Lime thereabouts at his discretion —

Voted That the Board will go to the Fields on Wednesday & that the Secretary procure suitable Stores —

Adjourned.

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Septem.r 10 — At a Meeting of the Board of Health This day — Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq.r President —
Mess.rs Hitchborne - Merriam - Lewis - Staples
& Secretary —

The Board directed the discharge of the Schooners - Abigail and Mercator —

N.B. The above Meeting was held at the Island —
Adjourned —

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18 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This (Day —
— Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq.r President —

Mess.rs Holland —	Mess.rs Rupell —
Hitchborne —	" Merriam —
Hutson —	" Lewis —
Swett —	" Boardman
Kuhn —	& Secretary —

Voted That all Feathers and Feather Beds from New York or Philadelphia - be landed at the Island —
Voted That all Goods from New York or Philadelphia brought by Land and which is capable of Fumigation - be inspected by this Board and undergo such Purification as may be directed —
Voted That the Weekly Committee consider & direct the Steps necessary for the Purification of Goods from New York or Philadelphia —
Voted That the Drivers of Waggons & Stages from Newport or Providence and all other persons concerned in Transporting Goods directly or indirectly from New York or Philadelphia by Land or by Water be directed to report their arrival in this Town to the Board of Health before they unload any part of their Loadings & also to report the Names of the Consignees of the Goods brought by them — and that the Secretary send for all such Consignees & examine them on Oath whether the said Goods have been in either of the said Cities of Philadelphia or New York & that the Weekly committee for the time being be charged with the Execution of the above orders — & that One hundred Hand Bills with the said orders to the

Waggons & others be printed for Distribution —

Voted That the Quarantine fees on Vessells from New York & Philadelphia be Five Dollars only —

Adjourned —

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25 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day Present Eben Larkin Esq. President —

Mrs. Holland — Mrs. Lewis —
Bordman — Meriam —
Swett — Staples —
Stetson — Kuhn —

& Secretary —

The doings of the Committee on the Subject of purifying Goods, & other proceedings on that subject was Read — Adjourned.

October 2 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This Day — Present Eben Larkin Esq. President —

Mrs. Holland, Hitchborne — Russell — Kuhn
Stetson — Swett — Bordman — Staples
— Meriam — Lewis —
— and Secretary —

Voted That the Secretary pay Mr Rose's Bill for mending the Bridge —

The Doctors Statement of the Brig Columbia was Read — thereupon Voted That the Cotton be Landed on the West End of the Island — That Water be admitted into the Vessells hold, in as large Quantities as possible without Damaging the Cargo & daily pumped out again — That the Hatches Fore & Aft be opened & Wind Sails affixed — That the Cabin and Steerage be well washed and cleansed in the best possible manner & that all Bedding & Cloathing of the Deceased or which has been exposed be destroy-

Voted That it is expedient, that the Communication between this Town and the Cities of Philadelphia and New York - by Land, be under some proper Regulations, in consequence of the increased Malignancy of Fever in those Places ——

Voted That no Person from New York or Philadelphia be admitted into this Town unless they shall have been absent from those Cities fifteen days & that all persons who shall arrive short of that absence from those Cities be sent to Rainsfords Island for Quarantine ——

Voted That the Weekly Committee be directed to make such Arrangements respecting the Keepers of Taverns & Boarding Houses as to obtain a Correct Report of all Persons arriving from those places conformable to the Order of this Board of the 9th of the last Month, and that they be empowered to continue the Superintendant and to extend his Commission to effect any part of those orders, they may find expedient ——

Voted That Quarantine be extended to all Vessells from Savannah, in the State of Georgia.

Voted That the Weekly Committee be directed to make enquiry into the State of Health at Charleston & other Parts of the Union and that if the Result of their enquiries should require it, that they be empowered to call a Special Meeting of this Board ——

Adjourned ——

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October 9

At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present Ebenezer Larkin Esq Chairman —

Messrs. Kuhn — Bordman
Holland — Lewis —
Stutson — Swett —
——— Staples —
——— & Secretary —

The Weekly Committee stated to the Board, that W. Walker, one of the Owners of the Schooner Isabella from Philadelphia, at Quarantine, had applied for permission to send up Fifty Barrells of Flour. but that they had declined giving such permission on account of her having been a sickly vessell & requested the instructions of the Board — thereupon Voted That the request of W. Walker cannot be granted until the Quarantine is accomplished ———

Voted That Col. Badger be discharged from the duty in which he has been engaged by the Board in cleansing Goods & Exporting Strangers from New York & Philadelphia & that W. Phillips the Messenger be permitted to attend that duty ———

Adjourned ———

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16 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This day — Present. Messrs. Russell, Holland, Meriam Hitchborne - Stutson - Staples - Lewis - Kuhn — Bordman - Swett & Secretary ———

——— Rhodes, as Oldest Member, in the Chair

The following Letter was Read —

"Boston Oct. 16. 1805" —

"Sir

Having removed from Ward No. 8 for which I was chosen to serve in your Board. I consider —

"my seat as vacated, and myself no longer a-
Member —

"The Gentlemen of the Board will please to
"accept my thanks for their attention to me, while I had
"the Honor to preside at the Board, and they may be assured
"that no person can more cordially approve of the conduct
"for promoting the Health of their constituents, than myself —

"For yourself, Sir, Words would fail me to express
"my approbation of your conduct for the year past, and
"I have no doubt the Gentlemen of the Board will —
"think with me, that you are intitled to an honorable
"and Sufficient Salary. —

"With Respect to yourself, and the Members
"of the Board — I Remain
"To Rob.t Gardner Esq.r" yrs &c. Eben. Larkin —
"Sec.y Board of Health" —

Whereupon on the Motion of B. Ruspel Esq.r
it was Voted — That the thanks of this Board be given
to Eben.r Larkin Esq.r for his, impartial, independant
and Judicious conduct while President of this Board —

Voted that we proceed to chuse a President —
the votes having been collected, sorted and counted —
no choice was made for several trials — at length
Mr Nathaniel Merriam had a Majority of votes
was declared chosen & declined accepting —
further trials were then made; at length Mr Sam-
-uel Swett was chosen by a majority of votes, &
notified thereof & declined accepting — not being
able to effect a choice, after several trials the —
Board adjourned till our next Session —

— Met agreable to adjournment —

— Present as before —

proceeded to Ballot for President, after several
trials Benjamin Ruspel Esq.r had a majority
of votes & was chosen, and being notified thereof

in a very respectfully manner accepted the chair having taken the Chair, several Amounts were passed - Viz -

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William Phillips, Messenger for a Quarters Salary - One Hundred Dollars -

Humphry Clark - On Account of his hire - Fifty Dollars

Thomas Badger - Service as inspector of Passengers from New York & elsewhere & for Stone hire as Smoak house & for Repairs of Town Carts Seventy four dollars, seventy seven Cents

Jonathan Goodwin Twenty six dollars & thirteen cents

N. Rollins. Ten Dollars - both the two last for cleaning Ward Number Seven under direction of D. Kuhn & agreably to the order of the Board -

Voted that the President be also Treasurer & as such empowered to settle with the past Treasurer

Adjourned

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18 At a Meeting of the Board of Health (Special) this day - Present -

Benjamin Rufsell Esq. Presid.

Mess. Meriam - Hitchborne - Stutson - Kuhn Swett - Staples - Boardman - Holland

and Secretary -

Voted That the Brig Enterprize be detained at Quarantine till a Certificate be obtained from D. Weeks respecting the State of Health of the Passengers landed at the Vineyard and now at Falmouth -

The several Passengers who have apply for Liberty to go to Plymouth and elsewhere have their request granted provided they do not enter this Town until their Period of Quarantine expires - Captain excepted who must remain with his Vessel -

Adam Knox was also permitted to pass the residue of his Quarantine at Light House Island -

Mr Jennings and family were permitted to come up with such Clothing as Dr Welsh thinks safe - but no Bedding. -

Adjourned -

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October 23 — At a Meeting of the Board of Heatth - This day —

— Present Benjamin Russell Esq. President —

Mess. Holland
Boardman
Merriam
Stutson —

Mess. Swett -
Odin -
Kuhn -
&
Secretary —

The President, Secretary and Major Stutson were appointed a Committee to investigate the Subject of the Fever said to be prevalent at Lynn & to Report to the Board to Morrow at four Clock P. M. —

The Committee of the Week were directed to take into consideration the application of Mess. Belcher & Phelps for leave to bring up to Town the Cotton on Board the Brig Short Staple - & to Report at the Adjournment —

Adjourned till to morrow 4 Clock P. M. —

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24 At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Heatth this Day at 4° Clock. P. M. —

Present Benjamin Russell Esq President —

Mess. Staples, Kuhn, Boardman
& Secretary —

Adjourned till Saturday twelve Clock. M. —

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26 - At an Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Heatth - This Day at 12 Clock —

Present Mess. Kilchborne - Holland - Lewis
Kuhn —
& Secretary —

Adjourned to Wednesday 12 Clock M —

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October 31 At a Meeting of the Board of Health — This Day (instead of Yesterday on account of some of the Members being engaged) —

— Present Benjamin Russell Esq. President —

Msp. Swett — Msp. Lewis
Boardman Stutson
Kuhn — — and Secretary —

Voted That the Visiting Physician be directed to discharge from Quarantine the Brigs Columbia & Short Staple — with their Cargoes. —

Voted That on the third day of November the Quarantine be taken off from all Vessels — excepting such, on Board of which, during any part of their Voyage — any Person has died or been sick —

Folsom & Badger's Contract Account for Scavengus-
500 — duty — was passed, Ballance being Five hundred Dollars — (One hundred Fifty of which to be made payable to B. Russell Esq. which he advanced them) —

Gilbert and Deans Account for Printing was
57.. 25 passed being Fifty seven dollars and twenty five Cents —

Elisha Copelands Account for Notifying the Inhabitants to meet to choose Members of the Board
5. 75 of Health was passed being Five dollars and Seventy five Cents. —

The Secretary was directed to take charge of the Scavengers Carts and Harness & to direct them to some place for Safe Keeping. —

The Committee appointed on the Subject of the Fever prevailing at Lynn — Reported That they had proceeded thither and were introduced by the Rev. Mr. Thatcher to Dr. Loomis who ~~report~~ represented to them that the Fever was merely the Common Bilious Fever which usually prevailed at this

Season - that he did not consider it contagious
that although he has twenty Patients they are
all Convalescent - that in 1793 he had One hundred
and it was his opinion it originated here — —

Mr Thatcher said two or three sudden deaths
had excited an Alarm, which was now subsided
that last year he lost of his Parishoners thirty six - the
present only Eighteen and it was his Opinion Lynn
was the Healthiest place in the Vicinity of Boston —

The wife of Dr Gardner, said her Husband had
many Patients, but did not know their number -
it took him from early Morning to Dark Noon - to
visit them and his visits were short - by her Account
the Doctor, her Husband agreed in Opinion with Dr
Loomis —

The Town Clerk, who is also one of the Selectmen
shew us the Record of Capt Mudge's examination - that
was no reason to think the Sickness was introduced
by his Vessell —

The Committee think it probable about Forty
Persons have the Fever — four only have died &
they are of Opinion and Report, that it is not ex-
pedient for the Board to take any further measures
respecting the Subject — Which Report was
accepted & agreed to —

Adj.d to November 13.th —

13th At a Meeting of the Board of Health
this day - Present - Mess.rs Merian - Hutton
Lewis - Kuhn — & Secretary

Adjourned to Wednesday next 12 o'clock -
previous however to the Members separating
Mess.rs Boardman - Merian & Hitchborne - can-
in & Mr Merian resumed the Chair —

Voted That the Ship Confidence may be discharged from Quarantine ——

Voted That the Weekly Committee be empowered to discharge the Schooner Columbia, from Quarantine whenever the Visiting Physicians Certificate will justify it. —

Adjourned for a fortnight.

Novem. 27 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This day — Present Capt John Holland Pres. pro Tem —

Messrs. Meriam — Bordman
Staples — Lewis —
Swett — Odin —
and Secretary. —

Letters from D^r Welsh and the Secretary were read respecting Augmentation of their Salaries which were Committed to Messrs. Swett Staples & Stutson —

D^r Welsh communicated to the Board the situation of Brig Lion, Alden from Guadaloupe & that the Bedding and Apparel of the Sick had been thrown over Board and the Vessel cleansed — It was ordered that she be discharged —

The Weekly Committee were empowered to advertise to the Inhabitants that the present & approaching season was fitest to cleanse their Vaults & that Black men were appointed by them to report Delinquents, which Delinquents would be prosecuted without further notice — The Weekly Committee were also empowered to dispense with opening Office in the afternoon when they saw fit —

Adjourned for a fortnight.

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Decem" 12 At a Meeting of the Board of Health—
this day Present Benj Russell Esq— Phsdt
Mess. Boardman Mess Swett—
Kuhn — Fitchborne
Lewis — Stutson
Holland—
and Meriam. Esq pro-
tempore— the secretary attending the Supreme
Court was prevented attending. ——

The Committee on the Applications of the
Visiting Physician and Secretary— Reported as-
follows—

"The Committee appointed to take into Con-
"sideration the request of Mess. Welch and Gardner for a
"Grant, in Addition to their Salaries beg Leave to Report—
"That they have attended to that busines and are of Opinion
"that a Grant of Five hundred dollars be made to D. Welch
"and Four hundred dollars to Col: Gardner. in consequence of
"Services in their respective Offices during the year past occa-
"sioned by a Malignant Fever prevailing at Philadelphia
"New York, Providence and other Sea Ports in the United
"States, and much extra Service Performed by the
"Latter Gentleman in addition to his duty as Secre-
"tary to the Board —— Sam Swett
Amasa Stutson } Com"tee
"Boston Dec. 6. 1805" — Edw Staples }

Which Report was Unanimously Accepted
and Draft ordered for the 13 dollars due D. Welch
Col: Gardner respectively ——

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Draft accordingly— viz
To D. Welch Four hundred Seventy Dollars
To R Gardner Seventy two dollars thirty two Cents —

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At a meeting of the Board of Health this day Present. Benjamin Russell Esq. President

Messrs. Merriam — Messrs. Kuhn
Odin — " — " Holland.
Shutson — " and " Boardman
— Secretary —

Voted That the Account of W.L. Hicks presented for mending Sadles &c be returned with Directions for him to call on the persons who employed him —

The following Accounts, as approved by the Committee, were passed and draft ordered accordingly Viz

100 — William Phillips for Quarters Salary, as Messenger One hundred dollars —
50 — Humphry Clark — for Quarters Rent of Office. Fifty dollars —
247 — Thomas Spear — Ballance of his Quarantine account Two hundred forty seven dollars —
30 — John Gammel — for Superintendance in Markets of Bad Provisions &c Thirty dollars —
53. 62 Thomas Bartlett — for Materials for Smoaking Vessells Fifty three dollars & sixty two cents —
19. 25 True & Parks — for Printing — Nineteen dollars twenty five cents —
8. 50 Amasa Murdock — for repairing Carts — Eight dollars & fifty cents —
1. 50 John Kuhn — for removing Nuisances One dollar & fifty Cents —
1. 50 William Dodd — for Contingent expenses — One dollar and fifty cents —

Adjourned for a fortnight

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29 At a Meeting of the Board of Health This day Present Messrs. Staples, Kuhn, Swett & Sec'y —
— Adjourned for a fortnight.

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March 19

At a meeting of the Board of Health. This day
Present. Mess. Holland (Chsd. P.T.) Hitchborne
Kuhn. Swett. Boardman. Staples, Meriam. Hutton. Lewis
and Secretary

Voted That Capt Holland be added to the Committee on Accounts. for the purpose of arranging the Accounts of this Board, the present year. for Publication

The Secretary was Directed to procure copy of the Act establishing the New Arrangment of Wards and also Plan of the Town conformable to that Arrangment. The Secretary was also Directed to notify Mess. Badger & Folsom that if they have any communications to make relative to the Scavengers business it must be in writing.

Adjourned to Saturday 11 o'Clock, A. M.

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23 At a Meeting of the Board of Health. This day
Present Benjamin Russell Esq. President
Mess. Meriam - Mess. Boardman
Holland Lewis
Swett -
and Secretary

Mess Folsom and Badger. late Scavengers (through Mr Badger) made application for payment of a Bill to Zachariah Hicks for mending Harnes belonging to Town Carts - Thereupon Voted That twenty dollars be allowed them on that account for defect in Harnes when plaid in their hands at the commencement of the season

The Secretary informed the Board that he had by Order of the President caused the Inhabitants to be notified to choose a New Board according to Law - in the Newspapers & had also procured Notifications to be distributed for that purpose in the several Wards Whereupon Voted That the Secretary be Directed

to have said Notifications distributed by the Constables as has been usual —

Voted That the thanks of this Board be presented Ebenezer Larkin Esq. for his present of the Gazetteer —

Voted That the Secretary procure twelve Colouring Maps agreeably to the New Division of the Town, for the use of the Members of this Board, for the ensuing year —

Adjourned till Thursday 12 o'Clock —

March 27 At a Meeting of the Board of Health this day

Present Benjamin Russell Esq. Chairt

Messrs. Hitchborn Messrs Holland —
Meriam — Boardman
Odin — Kuhn —

and Secretary

The following Accounts were passed — Viz —

45 —	Dr. Welsh for attendance of Paupers belonging to this Town, sick at the Island — Forty five dollars —
31.25	Benjamin Russell for Printing, Thirty one dollars 25 cents
20. —	Adams & Rhoades — for Bills — Twenty dollars —
14.25	John Park — for Bills Fourteen dollars 25 cents —
18.85	Lewis Leland — for Cyder at the visitation of Island Eighteen dollars Eighty five cents —
0.50	Lecain & Co — for binding certificates — Fifty cents —
22.8	Tovey & Symmes — Spoons Knives & Forks, for Island Twenty two Dollars Eight cents —
125.46	David Bradley, Stone at visits to Island — One hundred twenty five Dollars 46 Cents —
6.58	J. Larkin — for Stationary, Six dollars fifty eight cents
6. —	Joseph May for Maps — Six Dollars —
100. —	William Phillips, Messenger Bill for Salary One hundred Dollars —
50. —	Humphrey Cook for Rent — Fifty dollars —
20. —	Voted that the sum of Twenty dollars be allowed to the Last Monday in Each Month

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and that the Committee appointed to prepare the Accounts for publication be empowered to alter and include in the draft this day ordered — any further accounts against the Board which may be presented and which they may adjudge to be just and reasonable —

Adjourned till further notice for Committee

In Committee

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Thomas Spears Account for Board and Nursing Town's Poor, Amounting to Fifty five Dollars, was examined, approved and passed —

April 8

Returns from the several Wards were read, by which it appeared that the following Gentlemen where chosen to represent them at the Bord of Health the Year ensuing, and they having been legally Notified to attend their duty this Day took their Seats accordingly —

Ward No 1 —	Robert Gardner	Ward No 2 —	Jos: Austin
No 3 —	Edward Staples —	" No 4 —	Jno Odin
No 5 —	Ebent Larkin	" No 6 —	Andrew Dunn
No 7 —	Benj Russell	" No 8 —	David W. Child
No 9 —	Daniel Suttle —	" No 10 —	Wm F. Hirsh
No 11 —	Jno Bellows —	No 12 —	Nath Merrill

Benjamin Russel Esq. as President of the last Board in the Chair —

The Votes for President were called for & Benjamin Russel Esq. was Unanimously chosen

Voted To Adjourn the Choice of Secretary till to morrow 11 o'Clock —

Adj. till 11 o'Clock To morrow

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Met according to Adjournment — every Member present — Benjamin Russell Esq.r in the Chair —

The Votes for Secretary was called for and Mr. Nathaniel Greenough was chosen —

Boston ss.

I Nathaniel Greenough do Solemly Swear, that I will make a faithful record of all the votes, proceedings and regulations of the Board of Health, and will faithfully discharge and perform all the duties of Secretary of said Board So help me God.

Nath.l Greenough

Sworn before me

Benj.a Russell, Presidt of the Board of Health.

The Board being thus Organized — The President took the Chair & the following Votes passed viz.

That Mess.rs Dunlap. Larkin & Russell be a Committee to inquire in to the complaint made at the Board, of the Existance of Small Pox in ward No 6. and to take the precautions necessary for the safety of the Town —

That Mess.rs Russell. Gardner & Larkin be a Committee to report Bye Laws — Who reported the following Regulations, which where Accepted and Ordered to be published in the Independent Chronicle & Gazette as follows. —

The following Votes Rules and Regulations were Passed and adopted; and are to take effect after three Days from their publication agreeably to a Law of the Commonwealth, passed in May 1799, entitled, "An Act to empower the Town of Boston to chuse a Board of Health, and for removing and preventing Nuisances"

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as every inhabitant is interested in the preservation of health in the town, the Board cannot doubt their willingness to aid in so certain a mean, under Providence to effect it, as the promotion of cleanliness:— To which Object most of the Regulations, adopted are directed.—

Art 1st

No Person —— will be allowed to keep one or more Hogs, within the limits of the town, unless by licence for that purpose first obtained of the Board of Healt. and entering into bonds to keep such hogs clean, and in situations not to be offensive to the neighbourhood and to remove all filth from and about the Sties, at least once in each week. In case of non compliance with these conditions, the licence will be forfeited, and the delinquents will be liable to fine for the Nuisance thereby occasioned.—

NB The inhabitants will please to observe, they may, by the preceding article, keep Hogs on certain conditions.

Art. 2d

No Person will be permitted to bring into, sell, or have in possession in the town, any Oysters, between the 25th day of June and the first day of September in each year:— And no person will be permitted to bring into, sell or have in possession, any Lobsters, from the 25th July to the 10th September, in each year.

Great complaints having been made against the permission granted to sell Lobsters in State street, in warm weather, it is Ordered, that after the First day of May in each year, Lobsters shall be exhibited for sale at the several Bridges, Town Docks, and ferry Ways, and at no other places:— And the persons occupying those stands will be answerable for all filth thereby occasioned.

Art. 3d.

Fresh Fish shall not be kept in any stall, fish box, or other House, within the town, unless such stall fish box, or other House be over the salt water.—

& Provided however, That nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent the sale of wholesome fish, in the streets, between the first day of November and the first day of May inclusive, at all hours; and between the 2d day of May and the 31st of October, inclusive, before eight o'clock in the morning: Provided, also that fish brought into town for sale, shall have had the entrails taken out, and the blood cleanly washed off; and that the sellers of such fish be responsible for any nuisance made thereby. Provided further, that Salmon and small fish be considered as excepted from this Article.

Art. 4th

Salmon Eels and small fish may be sold in the Market or elsewhere; provided every seller of them keep a tight vessel for the reception of their offals and carry the same without the limits of the town daily: and shall in no other way make any filth by such fish or offals.

Art 5th

& Person having stalls in Faneuil Hall Market, Horse Market, Place, or Dock Square, shall daily, in the morning, wash and cleanse their respective stalls: and from the first day of July to the first day of October, in each year no heads, or offals of dead animals, not vegetables of any kind, shall be suffered to remain over night, in either of the places; and ..... between the 10th day of May, and 10th day of October, the platforms in the Market place, shall be removed.

Art 6th

Feathers shall not be landed within the limits of the town, from any place whatever, until they have been inspected by a Member of the Board of Health, or person authorized by this Board, and permit therefor obtained from the Secretary. † See Margin

Art 7th

Owners of Livery and other stables, shall not have more than two cart loads of manure, at one time, issuing from said stable; from the first day of June to the first day of November.

† Persons shall not land Feathers, or any other articles Bedding or Clothing &c landed from any place without contagious disorders about, or has recently prevailed, without such permit from the Secretary of the Board

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Art 8th

Graves for the interment of the dead shall be at least six feet deep; and the Proprietors of Burying grounds under which dead Bodies are or may be deposited shall cause at least three bushels of lime to be slacked under each of them, twice in each month from the first day of June to the first day of Octob.

Art 9th

No Person shall throw any dead animal or vegetable substance, or the sweepings of vessels' holds, into the Docks, Mill pond, Bottom of the Common or harbor, between the channel and the shore; or shall land the same on any wharf, so as to become offensive

Art 10th

Every owner of a Vault, or Privy, the contents of which are found to be within two feet of the surface of the earth, will be liable to prosecution Without any further Notice. And no vault will be allowed to be emptied between the last day of May, and and the first day of November, without licence therefor from the Board of Health.

Art 11th

Waste water will not be suffered to run upon the surface of the streets, from any House, building or yard but the same shall be led through drains into the common Sewer, at the expense of the owners of the building.

Art 12th

The Proprietors of the Mill pond their agents Servants or any other person, shall not at any time between the fifteenth day of June, and the first day of October draw off the water from said pond so as to cause the Surface on the shoalest part to be bare: without a licence from the Board of Health.

Art 13th

No Person shall throw or bring into any Street, Lane, Alley within the Town any dirt, filth or sweepings of any Kind or any animal or vegetable substances; excepting only to the Scavengers of the Wards shall through with their

Cart

and then only in light vessels, and before Nine O'clock in the morning ☞ This article will be strictly enforced: and that the Object of it may not be defeated, the Inhabitants are requested to give notice to the Board of Health, of any neglect of the Scavengers therein, on the same day they are delinquent.

By order of the Board of Health

Signed Benjamin Russell

Attest: Nath'l Gaunough
Sec'y

President

Voted: Miss Child, Gardner & Russell be a committee to consider the Applications of Visiting Physician & Messenger & Report

The committe on the subject of a complaint of the existance of two cases of small Pox. at West Boston, reported, that the Visiting Physician, by direction of the President had removed the persons infected, to the Island ——— Voted that the proceedings of the Visiting Physician be approved. ———

The committee to whom were referred the subject of the appointment of a Visiting Physician and Messenger. reported that there were three applications for the appointment of Visiting Physician viz Dr Thomas Welsh Dr E. Wedard & Paul Deane and that there are no application for the place of Messenger excepting that of Mr Phillips

The Board unanimously appointed William Phillips to be Messenger of the Board for the ensuing year.

The choice of Visiting Physician was postponed until the adjournment ———

Messrs Odin, Dunlap and Bellows were appointed a committee of Accounts for the ensuing year. ———

The President was appointed Treasurer of the Board for the ensuing Year. ———

The Secretary was directed to contract with the Printer

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of the Sentinel and Chronicle for printing for the ensuing year.

Mr. Hutchins. Austin. and Larkin were appointed a Committee to report rules and regulations for the government of the Board, and for the arrangement of the Members. and to report at the adjournment.

The President. Mr. Gardner. and Mr. Stapler. were appointed a Committee to report on the business necessary to be taken up at the next meeting.

It was voted, that it will be necessary for the town to raise Three Thousand dollars to defray the expenses which will be incurred by the Board the ensuing year; and that the President be requested to inform the Town Auditors thereof.

Mr. Gardner. Mr. Tuttle, and Mr. Odin was appointed a Committee to report on the salaries to be granted the Visiting Physician. Secretary Messenger and Sexton. Keeper the ensuing year.

Voted, That the future Meetings of this Board, be on Wednesday, in each week, at 12 O'Clock, until otherwise ordered.

The Board was then divided into Weekly Committees as follows viz.

Committee No. 1.

Mr. Gardner of Ward No. 1
Mr. Dunlap of Ditto No. 6
Mr. Tuttle of Ditto No. 9

Committee No. 2.

Mr. Austin of Ward No. 2
Mr. Larkin of do. No. 5
Mr. Hutchings of do. No. 10

Committee No. 3.

Mr. Stapler from Ward No. 3
Mr. Russell. do do.
Mr. Bellows do do. 11

Committee No. 4.

Mr. Odin from Ward No. 4
Mr. Child from do. 8
Mr. Merriam from do. 12

The President was empowered to contract with Mr. Clark for the hire of the room in which the Board assemble, for the year.

Adjourn'd to Wednesday next

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April 16th At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day — Present Benj. Russell, Esq. President

Messrs. Gardner, Austin, Staples, Odiorne, Larkin } { Dunlap, Child, Tuttle, Hutchings, Bellows, Merriam

The records of the last meeting were read by the Secretary —

The Secretary reported, that agreeably to the direction of the Board, he had contracted with the Printers of the Centinel and Chronicle, to advertise for the Board the ensuing year on the same terms as made the last year.

The committee on the subject of Salaries having reported.

The Board
Voted The Salary of the Visiting Physician be one Thousand Dollars. The Salary of the Secretary for the ensuing Year, shall be Six Hundred dollars. — That the Salary of the Messenger be Four Hundred dollars. The Salary of the Island Keeper be Three Hundred & fifty Dollars.

The Committee appointed to prepare and report Rules and Regulations for the government of the Board, the ensuing Year; reported; which being amended, was adopted as follows: —

Rules and Regulations for the Board

Rules and Regulations for the government of the Board of Health the ensuing Year.

Art 1st

There shall be a stated meeting of the Board, every Monday, to commence at 11 o'Clock, from the first week in April until the first week in October; and once a fortnight the remainder of the year. Seven members shall be necessary to form a Board

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Art 2d

In the absence of the President, a President, pro tem. shall be appointed.

Art 3d

The members shall take their seats at the Board in numerical order The Member of Ward № 1. on the right hand and the Member of Ward № 12. on the left hand of the President. —

Art 4th

In all debates, the Speaker shall address the President; and there shall not be any interruption of a Member speaking, except to call him to order

Art 5th

The majority of votes of the Members present shall be considered as the act of the Board; But any Member may enter his dissent to any measure, on the records of the Board. — And no vote shall be reconsidered by a less number than there were present, when the same was passed.

Art 6th

No member of the Board shall with draw himself without leave from the President.

Art 7th

An inviolable secrecy shall be observed by the Members of the names of all persons entering complaints.

Art 8th

Punctuality, as to the time of meeting of the Board, shall be strictly desired; and no person, other than the officers of the Board, shall be admitted during its deliberations.

Art 9th

The Board shall be divided into four Committees of three each; to be styled The Weekly Committee of the Board of Health. The members of which shall sit daily in rotation; and during their continuance in Office shall have power to carry into execution all the laws, rules and regulations of the Board

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shall make records of their proceeding for General Inspection; and whenever they judge it necessary call special meetings of the Board.

Art. 10th

No Member shall be obliged to serve on more than two Committees excepting the Weekly Committee, unless all the Members are on that Number.

The Committee on the subject of the business necessary to be taken up at this meeting reported:—

That it will be expedient to act upon the reports of the several Committees appointed at the last Meeting of the Board of Health. (on File)

Messrs Gardner, Larkin and Merriam, were appointed a Committee to report on the subject of the Scavengers Department.

The Board proceeded to the choice of a Visiting Physician for the ensuing year; When Doct. Thomas Welsh was unanimously chosen.

Voted. That the President notify Doct. Tho. Welsh, of his appointment, as Visiting Physician of this Board.

The President, Mr. Hutchings and Mr. Staples were appointed a Committee to report on the Quarantine Regulations.

The Board was adjourned until Monday next 11. o Clock

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Present Benjamin Russell Esq. President

Messrs Gardner, Austin, Staples, Bolin, Larkin
Dunlap, Child, Tuttle, Hutchings, Bellows, Merriam

The committee on the Scavengers Department reported that the whole Number of Carts to be employed the present Season be Nine

That they be employed in the different districts of the Town as follows — viz 2 in Wards Nos 1. 2. 3
3 " " 4. 5. 6. 7
3 " " 8. 9. 10. 11. 12 Warden

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Three) different Contracts and Inspectors. —

That the other Cart be considered an Extra Cart, to be employed by the expres Order of the Board only, to be maintained by them seperate from either of the contracts and to be employed generally in some central situation, conveniently to be dispatched on sudden occasions for removal of Nuisances discovered or complained of — That when the Extra Cart shall be employed for the removal of Nuisances left by neglect of either of the Contractors — such Contractor shall pay the expence thereof which shall be assessed by the Weekly Committee — charged by the Secretary, and deducted from the next draft in his favour. —

That the Carts pass through each Ward in their different districts every day, for the removal of the most offensive matter, and that each Contractor fixed places of Deposit for the dirt they collect. —

That the whole conduct of this business be at all times subject to the controul of the Board. —

Which report after consideration was accepted, and Mr Merriam was appointed a committee to contract for Three new Carts, to repair the Old Carts, and the Harness now on hand. —

Voted That the Secretary Publish in all the News papers the following Advertisement —

Health Office Boston April 21 1806

Notice is hereby given, that proposals will be received at this Office any time prior to Friday next, 1. o Clock, for Contracts to perform the duty of Scavengers for the town of Boston, for the ensuing year in the following Districts of the Town, viz —

District N°1, to include Wards N°1. 2. 3. in which Two Carts are to be used.

District N°2 to include Wards N°4. 5. 6 and 7. in which Three Carts are to be used;

District N°3, to include Wards N°8. 9. 10. 11 and 12. in which Three Carts are to be used; —

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" The Contracts are to be separate, and each District to be under a different inspector.

The Board will furnish the eight Carts, and the Harness now on hand. It is expected the carts pass through each Ward in the different Districts every day for the removal of the most offensive matter; and that each Contractor find a place of deposit for the dirt collected. The whole business being subject at all times to the controul of the Board.

Proposals will also be received, within — — the same time, for a contract to furnish and keep a Horse and Driver for one extra Cart, to be employed under the direction of the Board, on sudden occasions, and for the removal of Nuisances discovered or complained of. —

N.B. Bonds will be required.

By order of the Board of Health
Nath[l] Thurston Sec[y]

A Letter from Doct[r] Tho[s] Welsh, acquainting the Board of his acceptance of the appointment of Visiting Physician was read, and Ordered to be filed.

A Letter from Mr. E.T. Andrews, presenting to the Board a copy of a pamphlet by Doct[r] Rush, on the subject of contagious diseases, was read, and the thanks of the Board were voted to Mr Andrews; and the Pamphlet referred to the Committee on Quarantine regulations. —

The Committee on Quarantine Regulations. Reported progress; and had leave to sit again

Adjourned — till Monday 11. o'Clock

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At a Meeting of the Board of Health this Day

Present Benj[a] Rush Esq[r] President

Mess[rs] Gardiner, Austin, Eddin, Larkin, Dunlap, Child, Tuttle, Hutchinson, Hollows, Merriam

Mr. Merriam. The Committee to contract for the Carts &c. Reported, that he had attended to the business assigned him. And that the Carts will be ready, by Monday next.

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April 28 Voted That the Committee of the Work be directed to contract with the Persons making Proposals as Scavengers; and that they do not exceed Three Hundred and fifty dollars for each Cart.

On Motion Voted. That Messrs. Russell, Larkin and Hutchings, be a Committee to take into consideration the Causes of Dirt & the Servants of the Board, and Prosecute the Offenders if necessary.

Mr. Thos. Lewis of Ward №2 of the Northend, and Mr. Bayley of Ward №12 gave leave for Dirt to be brought to their Wharves.

Voted: That the President, be requested to procure such Books, and Stationery, be necessary for the Ensuing year.

Adjourned till Monday Next 11. o Clock.